

AXIS 223M Network Camera

User's Manual

About this Document

This manual is intended for administrators and users of the AXIS 223M Network Camera, and is applicable for software release 4.40. It includes instructions for using and managing the AXIS 223M on your network. Previous experience of networking will be of use when using this product. Some knowledge of UNIX or Linux-based systems may also be beneficial, for developing shell scripts and applications. Later versions of this document will be posted to the Axis Website, as required. See also the product's online help, available via the Web-based interface.

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Product Features

The AXIS 223M is a high performance camera, designed for demanding security installations. It delivers crisp, clear images, disclosing every detail, thanks to its top quality 2.0 Megapixel progressive scan CCD sensor, Megapixel lens and advanced image processing. AXIS 223M features a removable infrared cut filter, which enables color video in high and low light conditions as well as IR sensitive black/white video at night.

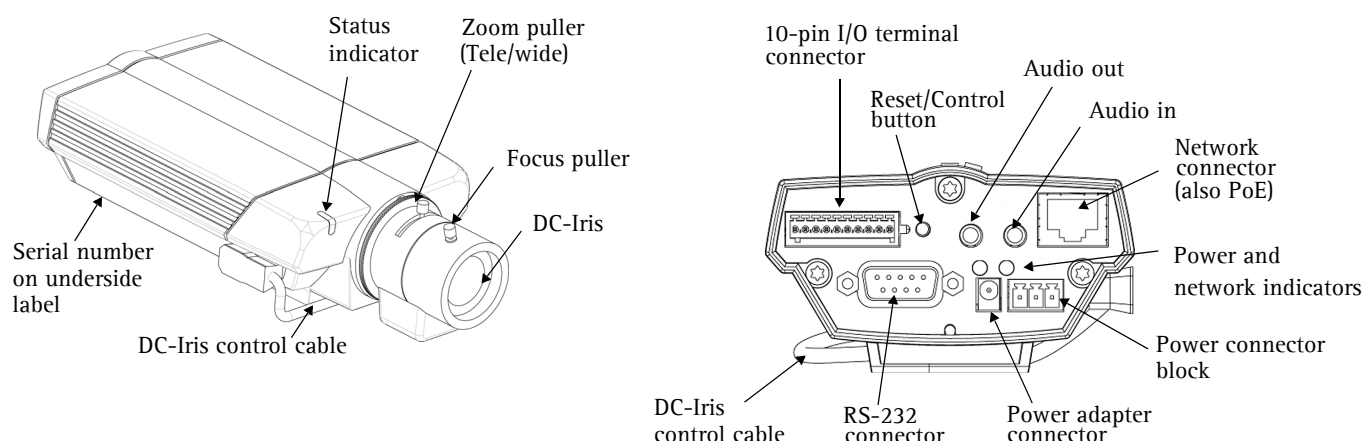
Supported by the industry's largest base of video management software, the AXIS 223M provides the perfect solution for securing bank offices, airports and other facilities, as well as for traffic surveillance, over IP based networks.



The built-in Power over Ethernet (IEEE 802.3af) support enables power to the camera to be delivered via the network, eliminating the need for a power outlet and reducing installation costs. Steady power can be guaranteed with a central Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS).

The AXIS 223M offers a comprehensive set of network security and management features. This includes support for port based network control (IEEE802.1X), which allows the camera to be connected to a network secured with this control, and HTTPS encryption, which provides a secure channel between camera and application and enables authentication of the video source. Axis video products are efficiently managed with the powerful AXIS Camera Management tool, provided with the AXIS 223M.

Overview



Power adapter connector - for connection of the PS-K power adapter (included).

I/O connector - The I/O terminal connector provides the physical interface to one solid state relay output, two digital photo-coupled inputs, RS-485 and an auxiliary connection point for DC power. For more information, see *Unit Connectors*, on page 34.

Network connector - The AXIS 223M connects to the network via a standard network cable, and automatically detects the speed of the local network segment (10BaseT/100BaseTX Ethernet). This socket can also be used to power the AXIS 223M via Power over Ethernet (PoE). The camera also negotiates the correct power level when using PoE.

Audio Output - Audio output (line level), which can be connected to a public address (PA) system or an active speaker with a built-in amplifier. A pair of headphones can also be attached. A 3.5mm audio connector must be used for the audio out.

Audio Input - One 3.5mm input for a mono microphone, or for line-in mono signal (only the left channel is used from a stereo signal).

RS-232 Connector- Single 9-pin D-SUB RS-232 connector, max 115 kbit/s, half-duplex.

Serial Number - This number is used during installation.

Reset/control Button - Press this button to install using the AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service (see the installation guide) or to restore the factory default settings, as described in *Advanced*, on page 32.

LED Indicators - After completion of the startup and self test routines, the multi-colored Network, Status, and Power LED indicators flash as follows:

LED	Color	Description
Network	Green	Steady for connection to 100 Mbit/s network. Flashes for network activity.
	Amber	Steady for connection to 10 Mbit/s network. Flashes for network activity.
	Unlit	No connection Note: The Network LED can be configured to be unlit during normal operation. See the online help files for more information. Go to Setup > System Options > LED settings .
Status	Green	Shows steady green for normal operation. Note: The Status LED can be configured to be unlit during normal operation, or to flash only when the camera is accessed. See the online help files for more information. Go to Setup > System Options > LED settings
	Amber	Steady during startup, reset to factory default or when restoring settings.
	Red	Slow flash for failed upgrade.
Power	Green	Normal operation.
	Amber	Flashes green/amber during firmware upgrade.

Accessing the Camera

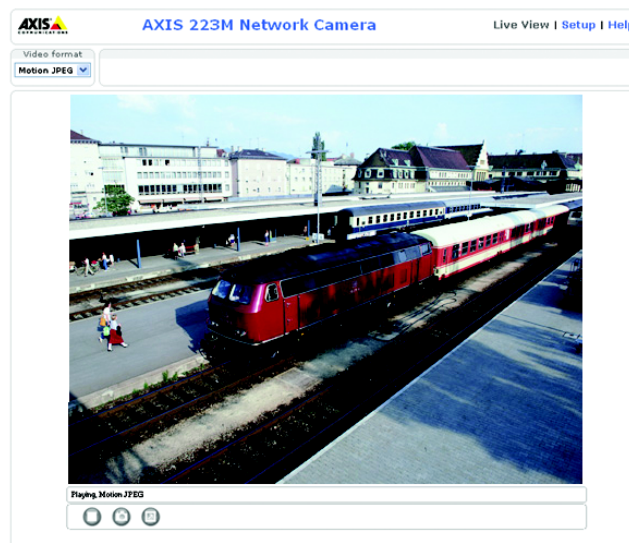
Follow the instructions in the AXIS 223M Installation Guide to install the camera.

The AXIS 223M can be accessed with most standard operating systems and browsers. The recommended browser is Internet Explorer for Windows, and Mozilla with other operating systems. See also the *Technical Specifications*, on page 42.

- Notes:**
- To view streaming video in Microsoft Internet Explorer, set your browser to allow ActiveX controls and allow the AXIS Media Control (AMC) to be installed on your workstation.
 - QuickTime™ and Real Player™ are also supported for viewing streaming MPEG-4 video and audio.
 - If your workstation restricts the use of additional software components, the camera can be configured to use a Java applet for viewing motion JPEG.
 - The AXIS 223M includes one (1) decoder license for viewing MPEG-4 video streams. This is automatically installed with AMC. The administrator can disable the installation of the MPEG-4 decoder, to prevent unlicensed copies being installed.

Access from a Browser


1. Start a browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Mozilla)
2. Enter the IP address or host name of the camera in the **Location/Address** field of your browser.
To access the camera from a Macintosh computer (Mac OSX), simply click on the Bonjour tab and select the AXIS 223M from the drop-down list.
3. If this is the first time the camera is accessed, see *Setting the Password*, on page 8. Otherwise enter your user name and password, as set by the administrator.
4. The camera's Live View page is now displayed in your browser.



Note: The layout of the live view page in the camera may have been customized to meet specific requirements. Consequently, some of the examples and functions featured here may differ from those displayed on your own Live View page.

Setting the Password

1. When accessing the camera for the first time, the 'Configure Root Password' dialog will be displayed on the screen.
2. Enter a password and then re-enter it, to confirm the spelling. Click **OK**.
3. The 'Enter Network Password' dialog will appear. Enter the User name: **root**
Note: The default administrator user name **root** is permanent and cannot be deleted or altered.
4. Enter the password as set in step 2 above, and click **OK**. If the password is lost, the camera must be reset to the factory default settings. See page 32.
5. If required, click **Yes** to install the AXIS Media Control (AMC). You will need administrator rights on the computer to do this.



Accessing the camera from the Internet

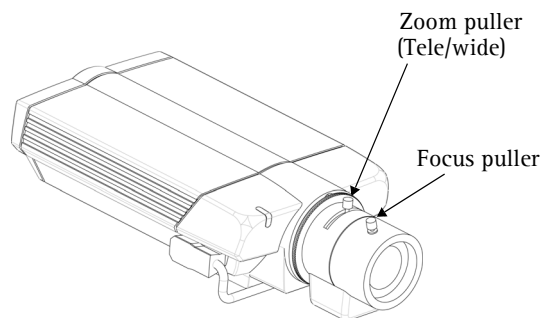
Once installed, the camera is accessible on your local network (LAN). To access the camera from the Internet you must configure your broadband router to allow incoming data traffic to the camera. To do this, enable the NAT-traversal feature, which will attempt to automatically configure the router to allow access to the camera. This is enabled from **Setup > System Options > Network > TCP/IP Advanced**.

For more information, please see the AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service at www.axiscam.net or, for Technical notes on this and other topics, visit the Axis Support Web at www.axis.com/techsup

Focusing

To focus the AXIS 223M, follow the instructions below.

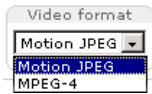
1. From the **Basic Configuration** page in the setup tools, open the **Focus adjustment** page.
2. Set the DC-Iris to *Disabled* and click **Save**.
3. Unscrew the zoom puller on the lens by turning it anti-clockwise. Adjust the zoom setting as required. Re-tighten the zoom puller.
4. Unscrew the focus puller on the lens. Adjust the focus as required. Re-tighten the focus puller.
5. From the Focus adjustment page, set the DC-Iris to *Enabled* and click **Save**.



Note: The DC-Iris should always be disabled while focusing the camera. This opens the iris to its maximum, which gives the smallest depth of field and thus the best conditions for correct focusing. When the focus is set with this method it will then be maintained in any light conditions.

The Live View Page

Depending on whether or not the Live View page has been customized, the buttons described below may or may not be visible.



The Video Format drop-down list allows the video format on the Live View page to be temporarily changed.

The **Output** buttons control the output directly from the Live View page. These buttons are configured under **Setup > Live View Config > Layout**.



Pulse - click this button to activate the output for a defined period of time, e.g. to switch on a light for 20 seconds.



Active/Inactive - click these buttons to manually start and stop a connected device, e.g. switch a light on/off.



These buttons start and stop the **Sequence Mode**. This mode is created in **Setup > Live View Config > Sequence mode**, and automatically displays the view from 2 or more video sources at set intervals.



From the **Source** list, select the desired external video source. Note that Sequence Mode must be stopped before selecting a source from this list.



The **Trigger** buttons can trigger an event directly from the Live View page. These are configured under **Setup > Live View Config > Layout**.



The **Snapshot** button saves a snapshot of the image currently being displayed. Right-click on the video image to save it in JPEG format on your computer. This button is intended for use when the AMC viewer toolbar is not available.

The AMC (AXIS Media Control) viewer toolbar is available in Microsoft Internet Explorer for Windows only. It displays the following buttons:



Play/Stop button - starts and stops the live video stream.



Snapshot button - saves a snapshot of the video image currently being displayed. The Snapshot function and the target directory for saving snapshots can be configured from the AMC Control Applet in the Windows Control Panel (Internet Explorer only).



View Full Screen button - makes the image fill the entire screen area. No other windows will be visible. Press Esc (Escape) on the keyboard to exit full screen.



Click the **Record** button to start an MPEG-4 recording (only available when viewing MPEG-4).

AMC audio controls

There are audio controls for controlling the client computer's speaker output. These controls are only available when audio is enabled, see *AXIS Media Control (AMC)*, on page 12 and *Audio*, on page 17.



Click the **Speaker** and **Microphone** buttons to switch the sound off and on for the speaker and microphone, respectively.



Use the sliders to control the volume on the speaker and microphone. The volume can be set between 0 and 100.



When using **Half-duplex** mode, this button toggles between allowing you to speak and listen. The first icon indicates that you can talk and the speaker attached to the camera will play your voice. The second



indicates that you will hear audio from the camera, but no audio will be sent to any web clients.

When in **simplex** talk mode, the icon toggles between allowing you to speak and is dimmed when you do not want other clients to receive any audio.

Video Streams

The AXIS 223M provides several different image and video stream formats. The type to use depends on your requirements and on the properties of your network.

The Live View page in the AXIS 223M provides access to MPEG-4 and Motion JPEG video streams, as well as single JPEG images. Other applications and clients can also access these video streams/images directly, without going via the Live View page.

How to stream MPEG-4

This video compression standard makes good use of bandwidth, and can provide DVD-quality video streams at less than 1 Mbit/s. Note that the image settings of the MPEG-4 stream are the same for all clients. The image size in MPEG-4 is limited to 640x480, this will be set when switching from Motion JPEG.

Deciding on the combination of protocols and methods to use depends on your viewing requirements, and on the properties of your network. The available options in AMC are:

Unicast RTP	This unicast method (RTP over UDP) should be your first consideration for live video, especially when it is important to always have an up-to-date video stream, even if some images are dropped.	Unicasting is used for video-on-demand broadcasting, so that there is no video traffic on the network until a client connects and requests the stream. Note: There is a maximum of 20 simultaneous viewers.
RTP over RTSP	This unicast method (RTP tunneled over RTSP) is useful as it is relatively simple to configure firewalls to allow RTSP traffic.	
RTP over RTSP over HTTP	This unicast method can be used to traverse firewalls. Firewalls are commonly configured to allow the HTTP protocol, thus allowing RTP to be tunneled.	
Multicast RTP	This method (RTP over TCP) should be your first consideration for live video, especially when it is important to always have an up-to-date video stream, even if some images are dropped.	Multicasting provides the most efficient usage of bandwidth, especially when there are large numbers of clients viewing simultaneously. Note however, that a multicast broadcast cannot pass a network router unless the router is configured to allow this. It is thus not possible to multicast over e.g. the Internet.

AMC will negotiate with the camera to determine exactly which transport protocol to use in the order listed above. This order can be changed and the options disabled, to suit any specific requirements.

Important!

MPEG-4 is licensed technology. The AXIS 223M includes one viewing client license. Installing additional unlicensed copies of the viewing client is prohibited. To purchase additional licenses, contact your Axis reseller.

MPEG-4 clients

AXIS Media Control (AMC)

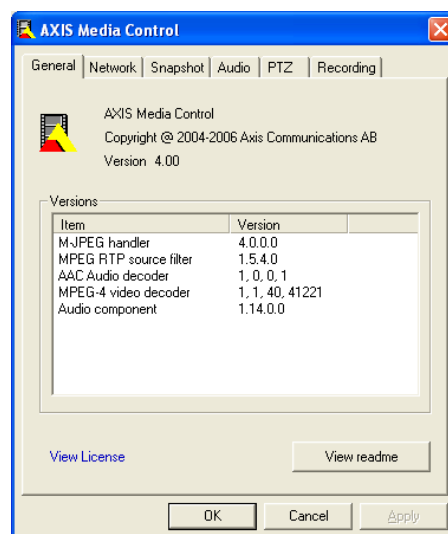
The recommended method of accessing live video (MPEG-4 and Motion JPEG) from the AXIS 223M is to use the AXIS Media Control (AMC) in Microsoft Internet Explorer in Windows.

The AMC control panel can be used to configure various video and audio settings. Please see the readme file included in the tool for more information.

The AMC control panel is automatically installed on first use, after which it can be configured. Open the AMC Control Panel from:

- Windows Control Panel (from the Start menu)
- Alternatively, right-click the video image in Internet Explorer and click **Settings** in the menu.

For more information on the AMC settings, please refer to the AXIS Media Control User's Manual available from the Axis Web site at <http://www.axis.com>



QuickTime™ & Real Player™

To access the video stream from e.g. QuickTime™ or Real Player™ the following paths can be used:

- `rtsp://<ip>/mpeg4/media.amp`
- `rtsp://<ip>/mpeg4/media.3gp`

Notes:

- The AXIS 223M supports QuickTime 6.5.1 (or later) and Real Player 10.5 (or later)
- QuickTime adds latency to the video and audio stream (up to 3 seconds)
- It may be possible to use other players to view the MPEG-4 stream using the paths above, although this is not guaranteed by Axis

Motion JPEG

This format uses standard JPEG still images for the video stream. These images are then displayed and updated at a rate sufficient to create a stream that shows constantly updated motion.

The Motion JPEG stream uses considerable amounts of bandwidth, but provides excellent image quality and access to each and every individual image contained in the stream. The recommended method of accessing Motion JPEG live video from the AXIS 223M is to use the AXIS Media Control (AMC) in Microsoft Internet Explorer in Windows.

Note also that multiple clients accessing Motion JPEG streams can use different image settings.

Alternative methods of accessing the video stream

Video/images from the AXIS 223M can also be accessed in the following ways:

- Motion JPEG server push (if supported by the client, e.g. Mozilla/Firefox). This option maintains an open HTTP connection to the browser and sends data as and when required, for as long as required. See *HTML Examples*, on page 27.
- Still JPEG images in a browser. Enter e.g. the path: `http://<ip>/axis-cgi/jpg/image.cgi?resolution=320x240`
- Windows Media Player. This requires AMC and the MPEG-4 viewing client to be installed. The paths that can be used are listed below in the order of preference.
 - Unicast via RTP: `axrtpu://<ip>/mpeg4/media.amp`
 - Unicast via RTSP: `axrtsp://<ip>/mpeg4/media.amp`
 - Unicast via RTSP, tunneled via HTTP: `axrtsphhttp://<ip>/mpeg4/media.amp`
 - Multicast: `axrtmp://<ip>/mpeg4/media.amp`

Note: <ip> = IP address

Configuration

This section describes how to configure the camera, and is intended for product **Administrators**, who have unrestricted access to all the Setup tools, and **Operators**, who have access to the settings for Video & Image, Audio, Live View Config and Event Configuration.

The camera is configured from **Setup**, from a standard browser (see *Minimum web browsing requirements*, on page 53).

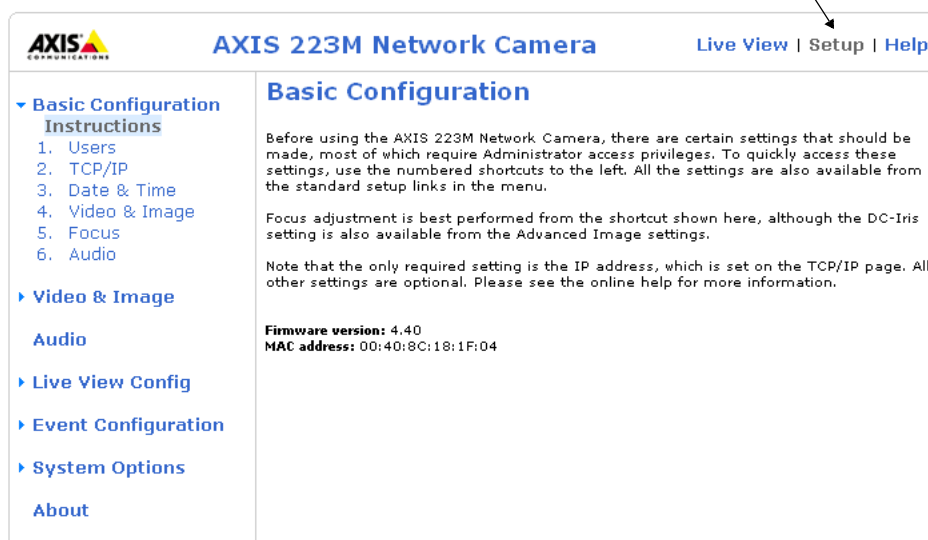
Accessing the setup tools from a browser

Follow the instructions below to access the Setup Tools from a browser.

1. Start your browser and enter the IP address or host name of the camera in the location/address field.
2. The Live View page is now displayed. Click **Setup** to display the **Setup** tools.



Setup tools



AXIS Media Control

The AXIS Media Control (AMC) is installed automatically the first time the camera is accessed from Microsoft Internet Explorer. The AMC control panel can be opened by right-clicking on the video image in the Live View web page. The AMC control panel can be used to configure various video and audio settings. For more information, please refer to the AXIS Media Control User's Manual available from the Axis Web site at <http://www.axis.com>

Video and Image Settings


The following descriptions show examples of some of the features available in the AXIS 223M. For details of each setting, please refer to the online help available from the setup tools. Click  to access the online help.

Image Appearance

Use these settings to change the image as required. The video image can be rotated and fine-tuned by adjusting the color level, the brightness and the sharpness.

The configuration of the video image will affect the camera's overall performance, depending on how it is used and on the available bandwidth. Setting higher resolution and lower compression improves video image quality, but increases the amount of bandwidth used.

When the box for **Widescreen resolutions** (16:9) is checked, all the currently open video streams are stopped and the resolutions for this format are displayed in the drop-down list. Open video streams are also stopped when this box is unchecked and the format switches to 4:3. Please see the online help for further information on these settings.

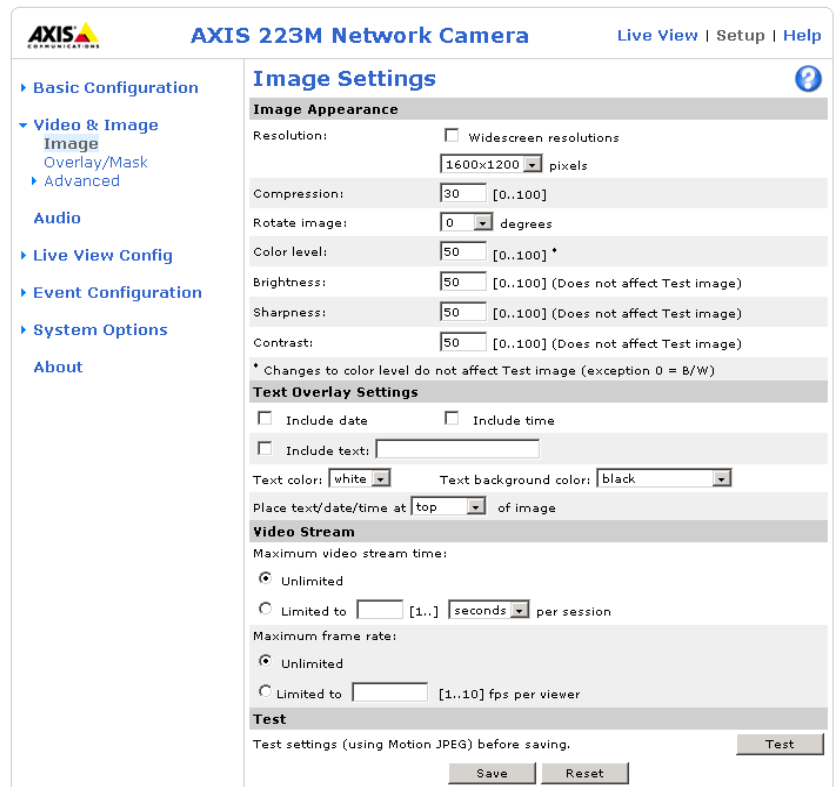
Video Stream

Define the maximum **video stream time** per session in seconds, minutes or hours. When the set time has expired, a new stream can be started by refreshing the page in the Web browser. For unlimited video stream time, set this value to 0. This setting is only applicable to Motion JPEG.

The **frame rate** allowed to each viewer can also be limited, to avoid bandwidth problems on the network.

Test

To preview the image before saving, click **Test**. Note that the preview image will be in JPEG format, even though the settings are valid both for Motion JPEG and MPEG-4.



The screenshot shows the 'AXIS 223M Network Camera' setup interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Basic Configuration, Video & Image (selected), Overlay/Mask, Advanced, Audio, Live View Config, Event Configuration, System Options, and About. The main panel is titled 'Image Settings' and includes a help icon. It is divided into three sections: 'Image Appearance', 'Text Overlay Settings', and 'Video Stream'. The 'Image Appearance' section has settings for Resolution (1600x1200 pixels), Compression (30), Rotate image (0 degrees), Color level (50), Brightness (50), Sharpness (50), and Contrast (50). The 'Text Overlay Settings' section includes checkboxes for Include date, Include time, and Include text, along with text color and background color dropdowns. The 'Video Stream' section has settings for Maximum video stream time (Unlimited or Limited to 1.. seconds) and Maximum frame rate (Unlimited or Limited to 1..10 fps per viewer). At the bottom, there is a 'Test' button and 'Save'/'Reset' buttons.

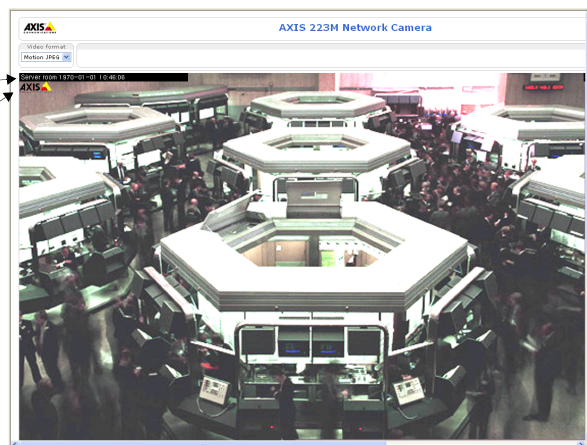
Overlay/Mask Settings

Text Overlay

These settings enable you to place text at the top or bottom of an image, e.g. date, time or some other text.

Text, date and
time overlays

Overlay image



Overlay/Mask Type

When using an image overlay, select from the following options the type to use:

- Uploaded image as overlay - usually used to provide extra information in the video image.
- Configurable areas as privacy masks - up to 3 areas are used to conceal parts of the video image.

The difference between an overlay and a privacy mask is that a privacy mask cannot be bypassed by accessing the video stream with the help of the AXIS VAPIX API, whereas an overlay can.

Selecting the overlay/mask type will display further settings available for the selected type. See the online help for further information.

Upload and use an overlay

To upload an overlay image to the camera:

1. Select the type of overlay to use in **Overlay/Mask Type**.
2. In the field **Upload own image**, click the **Browse** button and locate the image file on your computer or server.
3. Click the **Upload** button and follow the on-screen instructions.

To use an already uploaded image:

1. Select an uploaded image from the **Use image** drop-down list.
2. Place the image at the required location by entering the x and y coordinates.
3. Click **Save**.

Overlay image requirements

Image Formats	Image Size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 24-bit BMP (full color) 	The height and width of the overlay image in pixels must be exactly divisible by 4.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 4-bit BMP (16 colors) 	The height and width of the overlay image in pixels must be exactly divisible by 16.

There are a number of limitations when using overlay images, such as the size and positioning of images. Please refer to the online help for more information.

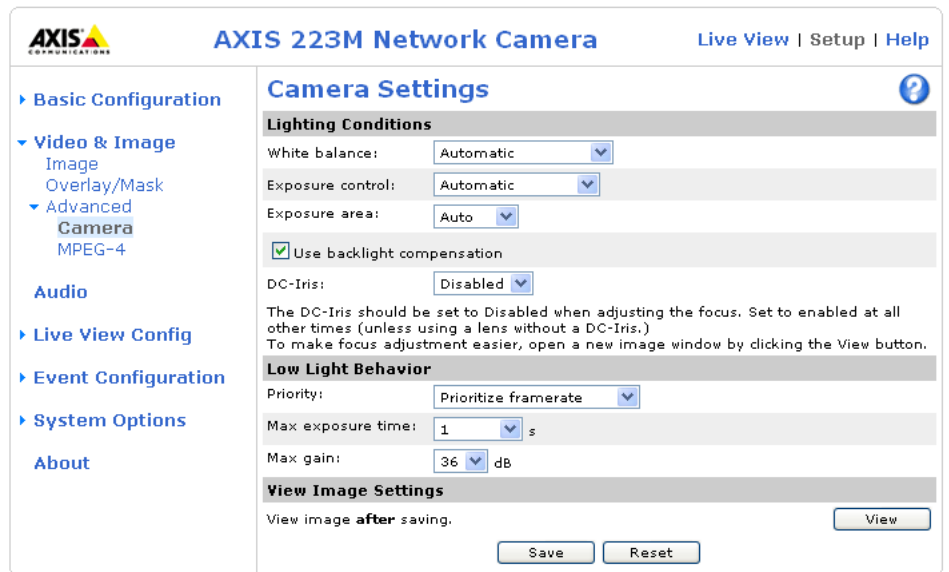
Advanced Settings

These web pages include different settings for fine-tuning the video image.

Camera Settings

To compensate for the lighting conditions, the white balance, the exposure control, the exposure area and the IR cut filter can all be adjusted. DC-Iris should always be enabled, except when focusing, or when using a non-DC-Iris lens.

The settings for low light behavior determine how the camera will behave at low light levels. These settings all affect video image quality and are basically a measure of how much noise to allow in the video images.



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Camera Settings

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- Event Configuration
- System Options
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Lighting Conditions

White balance: Automatic

Exposure control: Automatic

Exposure area: Auto

☒ Use backlight compensation

DC-Iris: Disabled

The DC-Iris should be set to Disabled when adjusting the focus. Set to enabled at all other times (unless using a lens without a DC-Iris.) To make focus adjustment easier, open a new image window by clicking the View button.

Low Light Behavior

Priority: Prioritize framerate

Max exposure time: 1 s

Max gain: 36 dB

View Image Settings

View image after saving. [View](#)

[Save](#) [Reset](#)

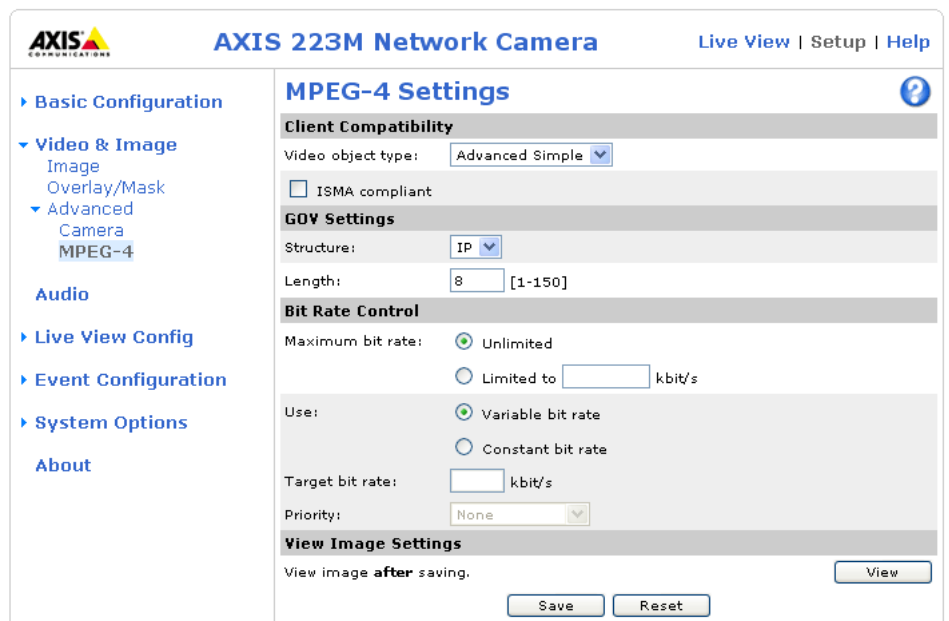
Please see the online help for further information on these settings. [?](#)

MPEG-4 Settings

These are the tools for adjusting the MPEG-4 settings and controlling the video bit rate.

The MPEG-4 standard provides many different coding tools for various applications in different situations. As most MPEG-4 clients do not support all of these tools, it is usual to instead define and use subsets for different clients or groups of clients. These settings allow you to define the type of viewing client to use.

Adjusting the maximum bit rate and setting it to variable or constant is a good way of controlling the bandwidth used by the MPEG-4 video stream.



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MPEG-4 Settings

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Client Compatibility

Video object type: Advanced Simple

☐ ISMA compliant

GOV Settings

Structure: IP

Length: 8 [1-150]

Bit Rate Control

Maximum bit rate: ☒ Unlimited ☐ Limited to kbit/s

Use: ☒ Variable bit rate ☐ Constant bit rate

Target bit rate: kbit/s

Priority: None

View Image Settings

View image after saving. [View](#)

[Save](#) [Reset](#)

For more information on these advanced settings, please see the online help, and *Video Streams*, on page 11.

Audio

The AXIS 223M can transmit audio to other clients using a connected external microphone and can play audio received from other clients via connected speakers. This section describes how to configure the basic audio settings for the AXIS 223M, e.g. set the communication mode and adjust the sound levels in the microphone and speakers connected to the camera.

Note: The speakers connected to the audio output must have a built-in amplifier, e.g. PC speakers.

Audio Settings – Enable Audio

Check this box to enable audio in the AXIS 223M.

Audio Channels – Audio mode

Half-duplex mode transmits and receives audio in both directions, but only in one direction at a time. This means that you must select when to receive or transmit audio with the push-to-talk button. To speak, press and hold the button (check that the microphone is not muted). When finished speaking, release the button and you will receive audio from the other end of the connection.

Note that the push-to-talk button is configured from AMC. It is also possible to configure the push-to-talk button so that it toggles between speaking and listening modes.

When selecting **Simplex – Network Camera speaker only** mode, the speaker connected to the camera will play audio, but no audio will be transmitted from the camera to other web clients. This could be used to e.g. provide spoken instructions to a person seen in the camera. This mode requires you to use the push-to-talk button.

Simplex – Network Camera microphone only mode transmits audio only from the AXIS 223M to web clients. It will not receive audio from any other web clients. This can be used in remote monitoring, web attractions etc., to provide live audio, as well as video, of a monitored situation.

When using half-duplex, the **Send the sound from the active client to all other clients** option transmits the audio signal from the client that is talking to all the other clients.

Audio Input

Audio from a connected microphone or a line source can be connected to the Audio in connector of the AXIS 223M. The audio source must be set to **Microphone** or **Line** depending on the connected device.

The **Enable microphone power** option provides DC power for an external microphone. If using a small electret condenser microphone such as a clip-on mic or a PC microphone, this option needs to be enabled.

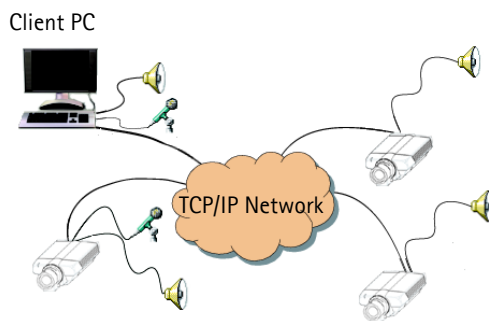
Note: To use a high impedance dynamic microphone, DC power should not be enabled. DC power will not harm the microphone, but if you are uncertain, try switching it off and on. The default value is DC power enabled. To use a professional microphone requiring 48V phantom power, you need an external power supply and must use a balanced-unbalanced converter (audio transformer) in between.

If there are problems with the sound input being too low or high, adjust the **input gain** for the microphone connected to the AXIS 223M.

Select the desired audio **Encoding** format, AAC, G711, G726.

Select the desired **Sample rate** (the number of samples of a sound that are taken per second). The settings depend on the available bandwidth and the required audio quality, i.e. 16kHz produces better sound but requires more bandwidth.

Depending on the selected encoding, set the desired **Bit rate** (audio quality). The settings depend on the available bandwidth and the required audio quality, i.e. a high bit rate setting requires more bandwidth.



Example of a network using AXIS 223M cameras to transmit audio and video across the network.

The AXIS 223M can be set to trigger an event if the incoming sound level rises above, falls below or passes the set value. The **Alarm level** is set between 0-100%.

Audio Output

If the sound from the speaker is too low or high, adjust the **output gain** for the active speaker attached to the AXIS 223M. When satisfied with the settings, click **Save**, or click **Reset** to revert to the previously saved settings.

Live View Config

These are the tools for deciding the layout of the camera's Live View page. The layout can be set in 3 ways:

- Use Axis look - the layout is unchanged.
- Use custom settings - modify the default Live View page with your own colors, images etc. Click the Configure button and see below.
- Own Home Page - Use your own custom page as the default web page. Click the Configure button and see the following page.

The other settings on this page concern which other features to include, e.g. buttons and links. See page 20 for more information.

Use custom settings

Adjust the settings under **Modify the Axis look**, to change the background picture, banner, colors, etc.

To use your own file for e.g. a banner, first upload it (see the following page) or select **External** and enter the path to the file.

Note that unchecking the box for **Show setup link** will remove the setup link from the camera's Home Page. The setup tools will then only be accessible by entering the full setup address into the address/URL field of a browser, i.e.

`http://<ip address>/operator/basic.shtml`

Upload Own Web Files

Your own background pictures, banners and logos can either be located externally on e.g. a network server, or they can be uploaded to the AXIS 223M itself. Once uploaded, files are shown in the drop-down lists for **Own** (file). Follow these instructions to upload a file.

1. Click the **Upload/Remove** button in the Custom settings dialog.
2. Enter the path to the file, e.g. a file located on your computer or click the **Browse** button.
3. Select the user level for the uploaded file. Setting the user access level means that you have complete control over which pages can be viewed by which users.
4. When the path is shown correctly in the text field, click the **Upload** button.

All uploaded files are shown in the list in the lower section of this dialog. To remove a file, check the box provided next to it and then click the **Remove** button.

Own home page

From Live View Layout, select the radio button Use **custom settings** and click **Configure**.

Check the box Use **own home page** at the bottom of this dialog, To use a previously uploaded web page (see above) as the default home page, select the page from the drop-down list and click OK.

User-defined Links

Enter a descriptive name and enter the URL in the provided field.

Example

1. Check **Show Custom Link 1**
2. Enter a descriptive name, e.g. My Website
3. Check the radio button for **web link**.
4. Enter the web link: e.g. <http://www.example.com>
5. Click **Save**.

This link will then be shown on the Live View page and will open the specified web site.

User-defined CGI links can be used to issue advanced commands via the AXIS VAPIX API (Application Programming Interface). For more information, see the Developer pages at www.axis.com/developer



[My Website](#) ← User-defined link

Action Buttons

The **manual trigger** buttons can be used to manually trigger and stop an event from the Live View page. See *Event Configuration*, on page 22.

Enabling the display of the **Snapshot** button allows users to save a snapshot from the video stream by clicking this button. This button is mainly intended for use with browsers other than Internet Explorer for Windows, or when otherwise not using ActiveX to view the video stream. The ActiveX viewing component (AXIS Media Control) for Internet Explorer provides its own snapshot button.

Output Buttons

These buttons can then be used to manually activate the output from the Live View page, e.g. to switch a light on and off. There are 2 options for how the output is activated:

- The Pulse button activates the output for a defined period
- Active/Inactive displays 2 buttons, one for each action (on/off)


Default Video Format

Select default video format from the drop-down list. Checking the box for **Show video format selection** displays a drop-down list on the Live View page allowing you to temporarily change the format.

Default Viewer

When using **Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE)** for Windows, select your preferred method of viewing moving images. The options are:

- **AMC(ActiveX)**- This is the best choice for fast image updating in Internet Explorer, but might not be possible on computers that have restriction on the installation of additional software.
- **QuickTime** - For use with MPEG-4 only, select this to use the QuickTime plug-in for Microsoft Internet Explorer.
- **Java applet** - This alternative uses a Java applet to update the images in the browser.
- **Still Image** - Displays still images only. Hit the **Refresh** button in your browser to view a new image.

When using any other browser than Internet Explorer for Windows, select the appropriate method from the drop-down list for viewing images. The available options are similar to Internet Explorer except for **Server Push**. With this method, the camera maintains and controls an open HTTP connection to the browser and sends data as and when required for as long as required. Please see the online help  for more information.

HTML Examples

You can add live video from the camera to your own web site. The camera can transmit a Motion JPEG or unicast MPEG-4 stream to up to 20 simultaneous connections, although an administrator can restrict this to fewer. If multicast MPEG-4 is used, the video stream will be available to an unlimited number of viewers connected to the parts of the network where multicast is enabled. Please note that a separate MPEG-4 license is required for each viewer.

Enter the **Video Format**, **Image Type**, **Image size** and other settings to suit your Web page and click **Update**. The camera then generates the required source code for your configuration. Copy this code and paste it into your own Web page code.

External Video

The camera can also display video images from other Axis network cameras and video servers, directly on the Live View page. These are known as **External Video** sources. These external video sources are available from the drop-down list on the Live View page.

Click the **Add** button to open the External Video Source Setup dialog, which is used to make all the necessary settings. Enter the IP address or host name of the external video source you wish to add. Depending on the external source, then select either MPEG-2, MPEG-4 or Motion JPEG as the type of video stream to receive.

Example of a path to an external video source:

```
http://192.168.0.125/axis-cgi/mjpeg/video.cgi
```

Sequence Mode

The Live View page can be configured to cycle through the internal and selected external video sources, in order, or randomly.

Select the desired video sources and enter the time in seconds to display each source (up to 59 minutes). Click **Save**.

The Sequence buttons that appear on the Live View page are used to start and stop the sequence mode.

Please see the online help for more information.



Event Configuration

An event in the camera is when an **Event Type** is activated and causes certain actions to be performed. The event type is the set of parameters (or conditions) that specifies how and when which actions will be performed. A common event type is when the camera uploads images when an alarm occurs. Many event types use an **Event Server**, to e.g. upload images to.

This section describes how to set up event servers and event types, i.e. how to configure the camera to perform certain actions when events (e.g. alarms) occur.

Definitions

Event type	A set of parameters describing how and when the camera will perform certain actions	
Triggered Event – see page 23	The circumstances that start an event.	E.g. on a signal from an external device, such as a door switch or a motion sensor.
Scheduled Event – see page 24	The circumstances that start an event.	E.g. at a pre-programmed time.
Action	What occurs when the event triggers.	E.g. the upload of images to an FTP server, e-mail notification, etc.

Event Servers

Event Servers are used to receive e.g. uploaded image files and/or notification messages. To set up Event server connections in your camera, go to **Setup > Event Configuration > Event Servers** and enter the required information for the required server type.

Server type	Purpose	Information required
FTP Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives uploaded images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive name of your choice Network address (IP address or host name) User name and password (for FTP server) Upload path e.g. images/ Port number Use passive mode if there is a firewall between the camera and FTP server Use temporary file if your FTP server doesn't allow an existing file to be overwritten by a new file with the same name
HTTP Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives notification messages Receives uploaded images 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive name of your choice URL (IP address or host name) User name and password (for HTTP server) Proxy address/Proxy port (if required) Proxy User name and password (if required)
TCP Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receives notification messages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive name of your choice Network address (IP address or host name) Port number

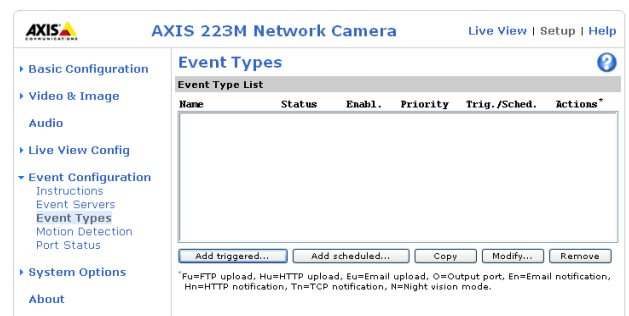
For details on each setting, please see the online help  available from each web page.

When the setup is complete, the connection can be tested by clicking the **Test** button (the connection test takes approximately 10 seconds).

Configuring Event Types

An **Event Type** describes how and when the camera will perform certain actions.

Example: If somebody passes in front of the camera and an event that uses motion detection has been configured to act on this, the camera can e.g. record and save images to an FTP server, and/or send a notification e-mail to a pre-configured e-mail address with a pre-configured message. Images can be sent as e-mail attachments.



Triggered Event


A Triggered event can be activated by:

- **Input port** - a switch (e.g. a push button) connected to the camera
- **Manual trigger** - a manually activated action, e.g. from an action button in the web interface
- Activation/deactivation of the **IR cut filter**
- Detected movement in a configured **motion detection** window
- **Audio alarm**
- on restart (reboot) after e.g. power loss
- a **temperature warning**

How to set up a triggered event

This example describes how to set the camera to upload images when e.g. the main door is opened:

1. Click **Add triggered** on the **Event types** page.
2. Enter a descriptive **name** for the event, e.g. Main door open.
3. Set the **priority** - High, Normal or Low (see the online help).
4. Set the **Respond to Trigger...** parameters for when the event will be active, e.g. only after office hours.
5. Select the trigger alternative from the **Triggered by...** drop-down list, e.g. select Input ports, for the sensor connected to the door.
6. Set the **When Triggered...** parameters, i.e. define what the camera will do if the main door is opened e.g., upload images to an FTP server or send an e-mail.
7. Click **OK** to save the Event in the Event Types list.

Please use the online help  for descriptions of each available option. Image file names can be formatted according to specific requirements, such as time/date or type of triggered event. See *File Naming & Date/Time Formats* under *Event Configuration*.

Note: Up to 10 event types can be configured in the camera, and up to 3 of these can be configured to upload images.

Pre-trigger and Post-trigger buffers

This function is very useful when checking to see what happened immediately before and/or after a trigger, e.g. up to 30 seconds before and/or after a door was opened. Check the **Upload images** checkbox under **Event Types > Add Triggered... > Triggered by...** to expand the web page with the available options. All uploaded images are JPEG images.

Include pre-trigger buffer - images stored internally in the camera from the time immediately preceding the trigger. Check the box to enable the pre-trigger buffer, enter the desired length of time and specify the required image frequency.

Include post-trigger buffer - contains images from the time immediately after the trigger. Configure as for pre-trigger.

Notes:

- Pre-trigger and Post-trigger buffers will be lost if the connection to the event server fails.
- The maximum length of the pre-/post-buffer depends on the video image size and selected frame rate.
- If the pre- or post-buffer is too large for the camera's internal memory, the frame rate will be reduced and individual images may be missing. If this occurs, an entry will be created in the unit's log file.


Continue image upload (unbuffered) - enables the upload of video images for a fixed length of time. Specify the length of time for the uploaded recording, in seconds, minutes or hours, or for as long as the trigger is active. Finally, set the desired image frequency to the maximum (the maximum available) or to a specified frame rate. The frame rate will be the best possible, but might not be as high as specified, especially if uploading via a slow connection.

Scheduled Event

A Scheduled event can be activated at preset times, in a repeating pattern on selected weekdays.

Configuration example:

1. Click **Add scheduled** on the **Event types** page.
2. Enter a descriptive **name** for the event, e.g. “Scheduled e-mail upload.”
3. Set the **priority** (High, Normal or Low).
4. Set the **Activation Time** parameters (24h clock) when the event will be active, e.g. start on Sundays at 13.00 with a duration of 12 hours.
5. Set the **When Activated...** parameters, i.e. set what the camera will do at the specified time, e.g. send uploaded images to an e-mail address.
6. Click **OK** to save the Event in the Event Types list.

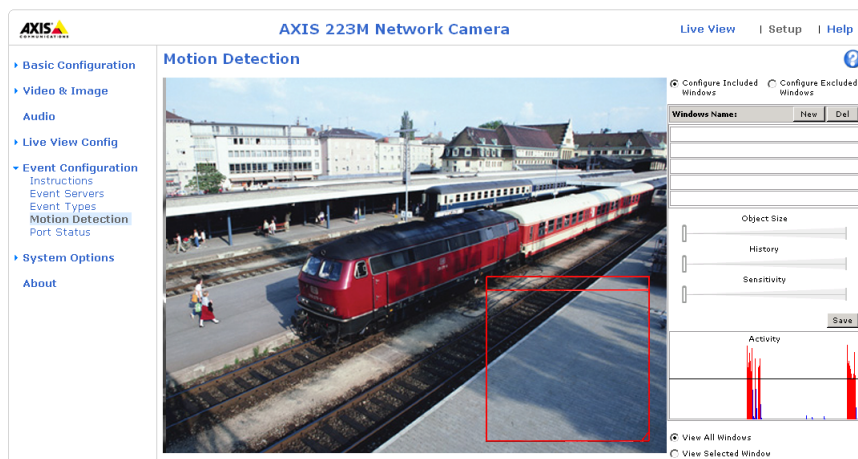
Please see the online help  for descriptions of each available option.

Motion Detection

Motion detection is used to generate an alarm whenever movement occurs (or stops) in the video image. A total of 10 Include and/or Exclude windows can be configured.

- **Included** windows target specific areas within the whole video image
- **Excluded** windows define areas within an Include window that should be ignored (areas outside Include windows are automatically ignored)

Once configured, the motion detection windows will appear in the list of available triggers, for triggering events. See *How to set up a triggered event* above.



Note: Using the motion detection feature may decrease the camera's overall performance.

Configuring Motion Detection

1. Click **Motion Detection** in the **Event Configuration** menu.
2. Click the **Configure Included Window** radio button and click **New**.
3. Enter a descriptive name under **Window name**.
4. Adjust the size (drag the bottom right-hand corner) and position (click on the text at the top and drag to the desired position).
5. Adjust the Object size, History and Sensitivity profile sliders (see table below for details). Any detected motion within an active window is then indicated by red peaks in the **Activity** window (the active window has a red frame).
6. Click **Save**.

To exclude parts of the Include window, click the **Configure Excluded Windows** button and position the Exclude window as required, within the Include window.

Object size, history and sensitivity:

	Object Size	History	Sensitivity
High level	Only very large objects trigger motion detection	An object that appears in the region will trigger the motion detection for a long period	Ordinary colored objects on ordinary back-grounds will trigger the motion detection
Low level	Even very small objects trigger motion detection	An object that appears in the region will trigger motion detection for only a very short period	Only very bright objects on a dark back-ground will trigger motion detection
Default value	Low	Medium to High	Medium to High

Examples:

- Avoid triggering on small objects in the video image by setting the **object size** level to high.
- To reduce the number of triggers if there is a lot of movement during a short period of time, select a high history level.
- To only detect flashing light, low **sensitivity** can be selected. In other cases, a high sensitivity level is recommended.

Port Status

Under **Event Configuration > Port Status** there is a list showing the status for the camera's input and output. This is for the benefit of **Operators**, who cannot access the **System Options** section.

Example: If the Normal state for a door push button connected to an input is set to **Open circuit** – as long as the button is not pushed, the state will be **inactive**. If the doorbell button is pushed, the state of the input changes to **active**.

Please see the online help  for descriptions of each available option.

System Options

Security

User access control is enabled by default, when the administrator sets the root password on first access. An administrator can set up other users, by giving these user names and passwords. It is also possible to allow anonymous viewer login, which means that anybody may access the Live View page, as described below:

Users – the user list displays the authorized users and user groups (levels):

Viewer	Provides the lowest level of access, which only allows access to the Live View page.
Operator	An operator can view the Live View page, create and modify event types and adjust certain other settings. Operators have no access to the System Options.
Administrator	An administrator has unrestricted access to all the setup tools and can determine the registration of all other users.

User Settings – check the relevant check boxes to enable:

- **Anonymous viewer login** – allows any viewer direct access to the Live View page.
- **Maximum number of simultaneous viewers** – enter a value here to restrict the number of unicast viewers accessing the unit. This is useful if you need to save on bandwidth. (Note that all multicast viewers count as 1 viewer.)

IP Address Filtering

Checking the **Enable IP address filtering** box enables the IP address filtering function, whereby the IP addresses in the list of filtered addresses will be allowed or denied access to the AXIS 223M.

Up to 256 IP address entries may be specified (a single entry can contain multiple IP addresses). All other IP addresses not in this list will be allowed or denied access accordingly, i.e. if the addresses in the list are allowed, then all others are denied access, and vice versa. Click the **Add** button to add new filtered addresses. See also the online help for more information.

Note that users from IP addresses that will be allowed must also be registered as users, which is done from **Setup > Security > Users**.

Referrals

To prevent unauthorized clients from including the video stream from the cameras into external Web pages, check the **Referrals** checkbox and enter the IP address or Host name of the computer that hosts the Web pages with the included video stream. Several IP addresses/host names can be defined and are separated by semicolons (;). This option is only applicable to Motion JPEG video streams.

Notes: If the referrals feature is enabled and you wish to also allow normal access to the Live View page, the product's own IP address or host name must be added to the list of allowed referrers.


Restricting referrers has no effect on an MPEG-4 video stream. To restrict an MPEG-4 stream, IP address filtering must be enabled.

Restricting referrers is of greatest value when not using IP address filtering. If IP address filtering is used, then the allowed referrers are automatically restricted to those allowed IP addresses.

HTTPS

The AXIS 223M supports encrypted browsing using HTTPS.

A **self-signed certificate** can be used until a Certificate Authority-issued certificate has been obtained. Click the **Create self-signed Certificate** button to install a self-signed certificate. Although self-signed certificates are free and offer some protection, true security will only be implemented after the installation of a signed certificate issued by a certificate authority.

A signed certificate can be obtained from an issuing Certificate Authority by clicking the **Create Certificate Request** button. When the signed certificate is returned, click the **Install signed certificate** button to import the certificate. The properties of any certificate request currently resident in the camera or installed can also be viewed by clicking the **Properties...** button. The HTTPS Connection Policy must also be set in the drop-down lists to enable HTTPS in the camera. For more information, please refer to the online help. 

802.1x – Network Admission Control

IEEE 802.1x is an IEEE standard for port-based Network Admission Control. It provides authentication to devices attached to a network port (wired or wireless), establishing a point-to-point connection, or, if authentication fails, preventing access on that port. 802.1x is based on EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol).

In a 802.1x enabled network switch, clients equipped with the correct software can be authenticated and allowed or denied network access at the Ethernet level.

Clients and servers in an 802.1x network may need to authenticate each other by some means. In the Axis implementation this is done with the help of digital certificates provided by a **Certification Authority**. These are then validated by a third-party entity, such as a **RADIUS server**, examples of which are Free Radius and Microsoft Internet Authentication Service.

To perform the authentication, the RADIUS server uses various EAP methods/protocols, of which there are many. The one used in the Axis implementation is EAP-TLS (EAP-Transport Layer Security).

The AXIS network video device presents its certificate to the network switch, which in turn forwards this to the RADIUS server. The RADIUS server validates or rejects the certificate and responds to the switch, and sends its own certificate to the client for validation. The switch then allows or denies network access accordingly, on a preconfigured port.

The authentication process

1. A CA server provides the required signed certificates.
2. The Axis video device requests access to the protected network at the network switch. The switch forwards the video device's CA certificate to the RADIUS server, which then replies to the switch.
3. The switch forwards the RADIUS server's CA certificate to the video device, which also replies to the switch.
4. The switch keeps track of all responses to the validation requests. If all certificates are validated, the Axis video device is allowed access to the protected network via a preconfigured port.

RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service) - AAA (Authentication, Authorization and Accounting) protocol for applications such as network access or IP mobility. It is intended to work in both local and roaming situations.

CA servers - In cryptography, a Certification Authority (CA) is an entity that provides signed digital certificates for use by other parties, thus acting a trusted third party. There are many commercial CA's that charge for their services. Institutions and governments may have their own CA, and there are free CA's available.

Date & Time


Current Server Time - displays the current date and time (24h clock). The time can be displayed in 12h clock format in the Overlay (see below).

New Server Time - Select your time zone from the drop-down list. If you want the server clock to automatically adjust for daylight savings time, select the **Automatically adjust for daylight saving time changes**.

From the **Time Mode** section, select the preferred method to use for setting the time:

- **Synchronize with computer time** - sets the time from the clock on your computer.
- **Synchronize with NTP Server** - the camera will obtain the time from an NTP server every 60 minutes.
- **Set manually** - this option allows you to manually set the time and date.

Date & Time Format Used in Images - specify the formats for the date and time (12h or 24h) displayed in the video streams.

Use the predefined formats or use your own custom date and time formats. See **Advanced File Naming & Date/Time Formats** in the online help  for information on how to create your own file formats.

Network – Basic TCP/IP Settings

IP Address Configuration

The AXIS 223M supports both IP version 4 and IP version 6. Both versions may be enabled simultaneously, and at least one version must always be enabled.

When using IPv4, the IP address for the AXIS 223M can be set automatically via DHCP, or a static IP address can be set manually.

If IPv6 is enabled, the AXIS 223M will receive an IP address according to the configuration in the network router.

There are also options for setting up notification of changes in the IP address, and for using the AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service. For more information on setting the IP address, please see the online help.

Notes:

- DHCP is a protocol for automatic IP address assignment on a network. IP address assignment via DHCP may lead to the situation where the IP address changes and you lose contact with the camera. Configure the options for notification of IP address change (under Services) to receive notification from the camera when the IP address changes.
- Alternatively, if your DHCP server can update a DNS server, you can access the AXIS 223M by host name which is always the same, regardless of the IP address.

Services

Enable ARP/Ping setting of IP address - The IP address can be set using the ARP/Ping method, which associates the unit's MAC address with an IP address. Check this box to enable the service. Leave disabled to prevent unintentional resetting of the IP address.

- Notes:**
- The ARP/Ping service is automatically disabled 2 minutes after the unit is started, or as soon as an IP address is set.
 - Pinging the unit will still be possible when this service is disabled.

Options for notification of IP address change - If the IP address for the camera changes, e.g. automatically by DHCP, you can choose to be notified of the change. Click Settings... and enter the required information.

AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service - Use the AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS service to assign a host name for easy access to your AXIS 223M Network Camera (requires Internet access).

Click Settings... to register the AXIS 223M with the Axis Internet Dynamic DNS service, or to modify the existing settings (requires access to the Internet). The domain name currently registered at the Axis Internet Dynamic DNS service for your product can at any time be removed.

For more information, please refer to the online help.

Network – Advanced TCP/IP Settings

DNS Configuration

DNS (Domain Name Service) provides the translation of host names to IP addresses on your network.

Obtain DNS server address via DHCP - automatically use the DNS server settings provided by the DHCP server. Click the View button to see the current settings.

Use the following DNS server address - enter the desired DNS server by specifying the following:

Domain name - enter the domain(s) to search for the host name used by the AXIS 223M. Multiple domains can be separated by semicolons (;). The host name is always the first part of a Fully Qualified Domain Name, e.g. **myserver** is the host name in the Fully Qualified Domain Name **myserver.mycompany.com** where **mycompany.com** is the Domain name.

DNS servers - enter the IP addresses of the primary and secondary DNS servers.

NTP Configuration

Obtain NTP server address via DHCP - check this radio button to automatically look up and use the NTP server settings as provided by DHCP. Click the **View** button to see the current settings.

Use the following NTP server address - to make manual settings, check this radio button and enter the host name or IP address of the NTP server.

Note: If using a host name for the NTP server, a DNS server must be configured under TCP/IP settings. See Network > TCP/IP below.

Host Name Configuration

The AXIS 223M can be accessed using a host name, instead of an IP address. The host name is usually the same as the assigned DNS Name. For more information, please see the online help.

Link-Local IPv4 Address

This is enabled by default and assigns the AXIS 223M an additional IP address for use with UPnP™. The AXIS 223M can have both a Link-Local IP and a static/DHCP-supplied IP address at the same time - these will not affect each other.

HTTP

The default HTTP port number (80) can be changed to any port within the range 1024-65535. This is useful for e.g. simple security port mapping.

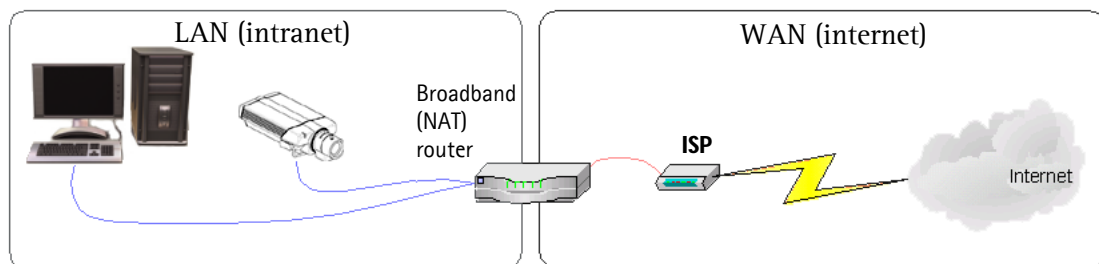
HTTPS

If applicable, enter the HTTPS port the AXIS 223M will use. The default setting (443) can be changed to any port within the range 1024-65535. HTTPS is used to provide encrypted web browsing.

NAT traversal (port mapping)

A broadband router allows devices on a private network (LAN) to share a single connection to the Internet. This is done by forwarding network traffic from the private network to the "outside" i.e. the Internet. Security on the private network (LAN) is increased since most broadband routers are pre-configured to stop any attempts to access the private network (LAN) from the public network/Internet.

Use **NAT traversal** when your AXIS 223M is located on an intranet (LAN) and you wish to make it available from the other (WAN) side of a NAT router. With NAT traversal properly configured, all HTTP traffic to an external HTTP port in the NAT router will be forwarded to the camera.



- Notes:**
- For NAT traversal to work, this must also be supported by the broadband router.
 - The broadband router has many different names: "NAT router", "Network router", "Internet Gateway", "Broadband sharing device" or "Home firewall" but the essential purpose of the device is the same.

Enable/Disable - When enabled, the AXIS 223M will attempt to configure port mapping in a NAT router on your network, using UPnP™. Note that UPnP™ must be enabled in the camera (see **System Options > Network > UPnP**).

AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service - Use this free service to assign a host name (user-friendly name) for easy access to your camera. If the IP address of the camera or NAT router changes, the AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service will automatically be updated with the new IP address.

Use manually selected NAT router - Select this option to manually select a NAT router and enter the IP address for the router in the field provided.

If a router is not manually specified, the AXIS 223M will automatically search for NAT routers on your network. If more than one router is found, the default router will be selected.

Alternative HTTP port - Select this option to manually define an external HTTP port. Enter the port number in the field provided. If no port is entered here a port number will automatically be selected when NAT traversal is enabled.

- Notes:**
- An alternative HTTP port can be used/be active even if NAT traversal is disabled. This is useful if e.g. your NAT router does not support UPnP and you need to manually configure port forwarding in the NAT router.
 - If a manually selected port is already in use, another will automatically be selected.
 - When the port is selected automatically it will be displayed in this field. This can be changed by entering a new port number and clicking Save.

FTP

The FTP server running in the AXIS 223M enables the upload of e.g. new firmware, user applications, etc. Check the box to enable the service.

RTSP

The RTSP protocol allows a connecting client to start an MPEG-4 stream. Check the box to enable the service and enter the RTSP port number to use. The default setting (554) can be changed to any port within the range 1024-65535.

Network Traffic

Connection Type - The default setting is Auto-negotiate, which means that the correct speed is automatically selected. If necessary, you can set the connection speed by selecting it from the drop-down list.

SOCKS

SOCKS is a networking proxy protocol. The AXIS 223M can be configured to use a SOCKS server to reach networks on the other side of a firewall/proxy server. This functionality is useful if the AXIS 223M is located on a local network behind a firewall, but notifications, uploads, alarms, etc., need to be sent to a destination outside the local network (e.g. to the Internet).

QoS (Quality of service)

Quality of Service (QoS) provides the means to guarantee a certain level of a specified resource to selected traffic on a network. Quality can be defined as e.g. a maintained level of bandwidth, low latency, no packet losses, etc. The main benefits of a QoS-aware network can be summarized as:

- The ability to prioritize traffic and thus allow critical flows to be served before flows with lesser priority.
- Greater reliability in the network, thanks to the control of the amount of bandwidth an application may use, and thus control over bandwidth races between applications.

The QoS in Axis network video products marks the data packets for various types of network traffic originating from the product. This makes it possible for network routers and switches to e.g. reserve a fixed amount of bandwidth for these types of traffic. The types of traffic marked by the camera are video, audio, event/alarm and management network traffic.

QoS Settings

For each type of network traffic supported by your Axis network video product, enter a DSCP (Differentiated Services Codepoint) value. This value is used to mark the traffic's IP header. When the marked traffic reaches a network router or switch, the DSCP value in the IP header tells the router or switch which type of treatment to apply to this type of traffic, for example, how much bandwidth to reserve for it.

Note that DSCP values can be entered in decimal or hex form, but saved values are always shown in decimal. For more information on Quality of Service, please see the Axis support web at www.axis.com/techsup

SMTP (email)

Enter the host names or addresses for your primary and secondary mail servers in the fields provided, to enable the sending of notifications and image/video email messages from the camera to predefined addresses via SMTP.

If your mail server requires authentication, check the box for **Use authentication to log in to this server** and enter the necessary information.

SNMP

The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) allows remote management of network devices. Depending on the level of security required, select the version of SNMP to use. The three levels of security are:

- SNMP V1 - includes no security.
- SNMP V2c - uses very simple security. The community name can be specified as a password for read or read/write access to all supported SNMP objects. The community is the group of network devices using SNMP.
- SNMP V3 - provides encryption and secure passwords. HTTPS must be enabled.

UPnP™

The camera includes support for UPnP™, which is enabled by default. If also enabled on your computer, the camera will automatically be detected and a new icon will be added to "My Network Places."

Note: UPnP must also be enabled on your Windows XP or ME computer. To do this, open the Control Panel from the **Start Menu** and select **Add/Remove Programs**. Select **Add/Remove Windows Components** and open the **Networking Services** section. Click **Details** and then select **UPnP** as the service to add.

RTP / MPEG-4

These settings are the port range, IP address, port number (video and audio), and Time-To-Live value to use for the video stream(s) in multicast MPEG-4 format. Only certain IP addresses and port numbers should be used for multicast streams. For more information, please see the online help.

Bonjour

The AXIS 223M includes support for Bonjour. When enabled, the camera is automatically detected by operating systems and clients that support this.

Ports & Devices

I/O Ports - the pinout, interface support and the control and monitoring functions provided by this connector are described in *I/O Terminal Connector*, on page 34.

LED Settings

The Network Indicator LED can be enabled or disabled, according to requirements and the Status indicator LED can be set to flash at a configurable interval (or to not light up at all) whenever the unit is accessed. For a listing of all LED behavior, see page 6, or the online help.

Note that the Status LED does not flash when the stream is retrieved using MPEG-4 multicast.

Maintenance

- **Restart** - The camera is restarted without changing any of the settings.
- **Restore** - The unit is restarted and most current settings are reset to factory default values. The settings that will not be reset are as follows:
 - the boot protocol (DHCP or static)
 - the static IP address
 - the default router
 - the subnet mask
- **Default** - The default button should be used with caution. Pressing this will return all of the camera's settings to the factory default values (including the IP address).

Upgrade Server - See *Upgrading the Firmware*, on page 37.

Backup - To take a backup of all of the parameters, and any user-defined scripts, click this button. If necessary, it will then be possible to return to the previous settings, if settings are changed and there is unexpected behavior.

Restore - click the **Browse** button to locate the saved backup file (see above) and then click the **Restore** button. The settings will be restored to the previous configuration.

Note: **Backup** and **Restore** can only be used on the same unit running the same firmware. This feature is not intended for the configuration of multiple units or for firmware upgrades.

Support

The **support overview** page provides valuable information on troubleshooting and contact information, should you require technical assistance.

System Overview - is a quick look over the camera's status and settings. Information that can be found here includes the camera's Firmware version, IP address, Security, Optional Network Services, Event Settings, Image settings and Recent log items. Many of the captions are also links to the proper **Setup** page to conveniently make adjustments in the camera's settings.

Logs & Reports - when contacting Axis support, please be sure to provide a valid Server Report with your query.

View Information - The **Log file**, the **Server Report** and the **Parameter List** all provide valuable information for troubleshooting and when contacting Axis support.

Configuration

Log Level for Log Files - from the drop-down list, select the level of information to be added to the Log file

Log Level for Email - from the drop-down list, select the level of information to send as email and enter the destination email address.

Advanced

Scripting is an advanced function that provides the means for customizing and using scripts.

Caution!

The scripting function is a very powerful tool. Improper use may cause unexpected behavior or even loss of contact with the unit. If a script does cause problems, reset the unit to its factory default settings (in which case, a previously saved backup file will be useful for returning the unit to its latest configuration). **Axis strongly recommends that you do not use this function unless you fully understand the consequences.** Axis support provides no assistance for customized scripts.

For more information, please visit the Developer pages at www.axis.com/developer

Plain Config - this function is for the advanced user with previous experience of configuring Axis cameras. All parameters can be set and modified from this page. Help is available via the links on the standard setup pages.

Resetting to the Factory Default Settings

To reset the camera to the original factory default settings, go to the **System Options > Maintenance** web page (as described in *Maintenance*, on page 32) or use the **Reset button** on the rear of the camera (see the illustration on page 6) as described below:

Using the Reset Button

To reset the camera to the factory default settings using the Reset Button:

1. Disconnect the power adapter, or the network cable if using PoE.
2. Press and hold the Reset button while reconnecting power.
3. Keep the Reset button pressed until the **Status Indicator** color changes to amber (which may take up to 15 seconds).
4. Release the Reset button.
5. When the Status Indicator changes to Green (which may take up to 1 minute), the process is complete and the camera has been reset. The unit will now have the default IP address 192.168.0.90

Unit Connectors

This section describes the following:

- The I/O terminal connector
- Power connections
- The RS-232 D-Sub Connector

I/O Terminal Connector

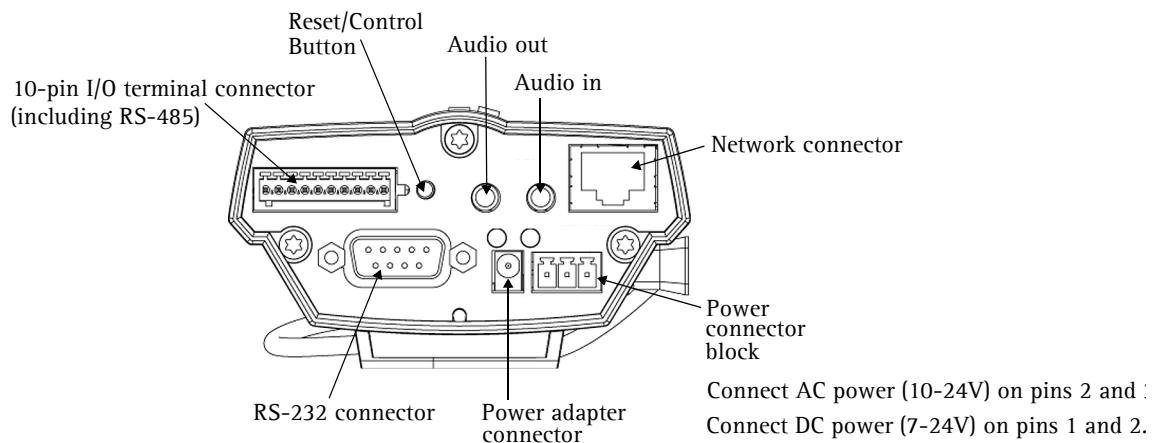
The 10-pin I/O terminal connector provides the interface to a solid state relay output, two digital photo-coupled inputs, RS-485, GND and auxiliary power.

The terminal connector is used in applications for e.g. motion detection, event triggering, time lapse recording, alarm notification via e-mail, image storage to FTP locations, etc.

- **Input** - Used for connecting external alarm devices and triggering images for specific alarm-based events. The input is typically connected to a motion detector or any other external security device, and images can be uploaded whenever the detector is activated. Maximum 18V DC is allowed on the input.
- **Output** - This can drive a maximum load of 50V DC at 100mA directly or heavier loads by connecting additional relay circuitry. If the output is used with an external relay, a diode must be connected in parallel with the load for protection against any voltage transients.

Caution!

Connecting AC to the inputs/outputs will damage the unit.

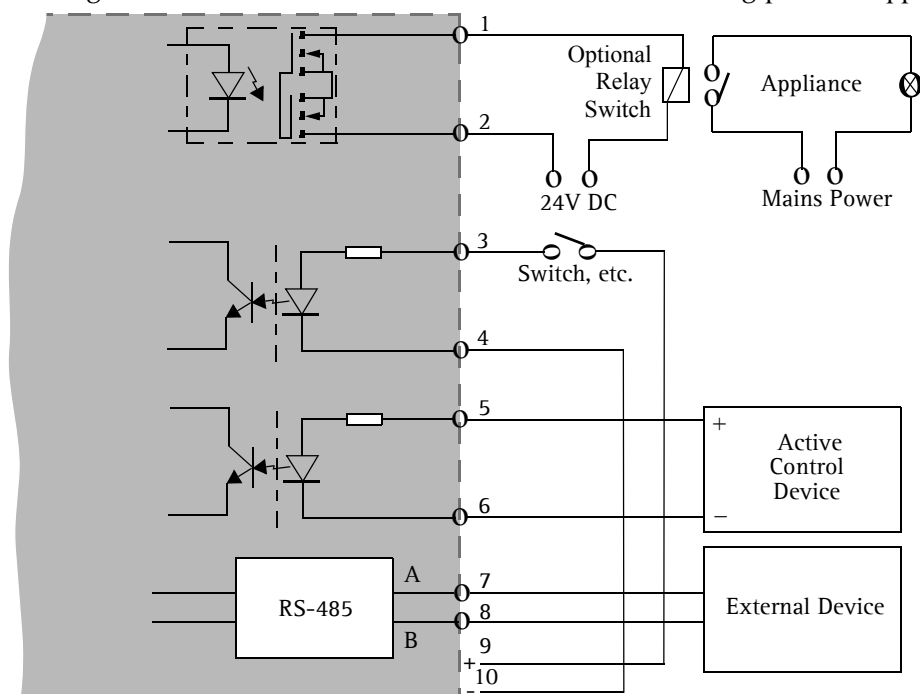


I/O terminal connector pinout table

Pin	Function	Description
1	Output A	On the external device output terminals (A and B), there is no distinction between positive and negative (+ and -). The terminals use a photocoupler and are electrically isolated from the other internal circuitry. The maximum load should not exceed 100mA and the maximum voltage should be not more than 50V DC. Note: Connecting AC to the output will damage the unit.
2	Output B	
3	Digital Input 1- Photocoupler Anode (+)	Photocoupled Input 1. Electrically isolated from the chassis and connectors, this input can be supplied from an external DC voltage or the DC Power Input/Output on pins 9 (DC+) and 10 (GND).
4	Digital Input 1 - Photocoupler Cathode (-)	
5	Digital Input 2 - Photocoupler Anode (+)	
6	Digital Input 2 - Photocoupler Cathode (-)	Photocoupled Input 2. As above.
7	RS-485-A (non-inverting)	A half-duplex RS-485 interface for controlling auxiliary equipment.
8	RS-485-B (inverting)	
9	DC + Power Output	This can drive the photocoupler inputs or other equipment. The output voltage level is 3.0 V. A maximum current of 100mA can be sourced from the DC output.
10	GND	Ground.

I/O terminal connector schematic diagram

Example schematic diagram of the AXIS 223M terminal connector - showing possible applications.



Power connections

Power can be supplied to the camera by the following methods:

- The supplied power adapter, PS-K, 9W. The center pin is positive (+).
- Power over Ethernet (PoE) with power classification Class 2, via the network cable. This will automatically be detected if available via the network.
- The power connector block on the rear panel.

Power Connector Block

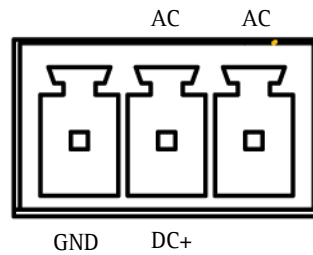
The power connector block supports both AC and DC input power.

The DC supply is 7-24V. Connect the negative pole to the GND pin and the positive pole to the DC+ pin.

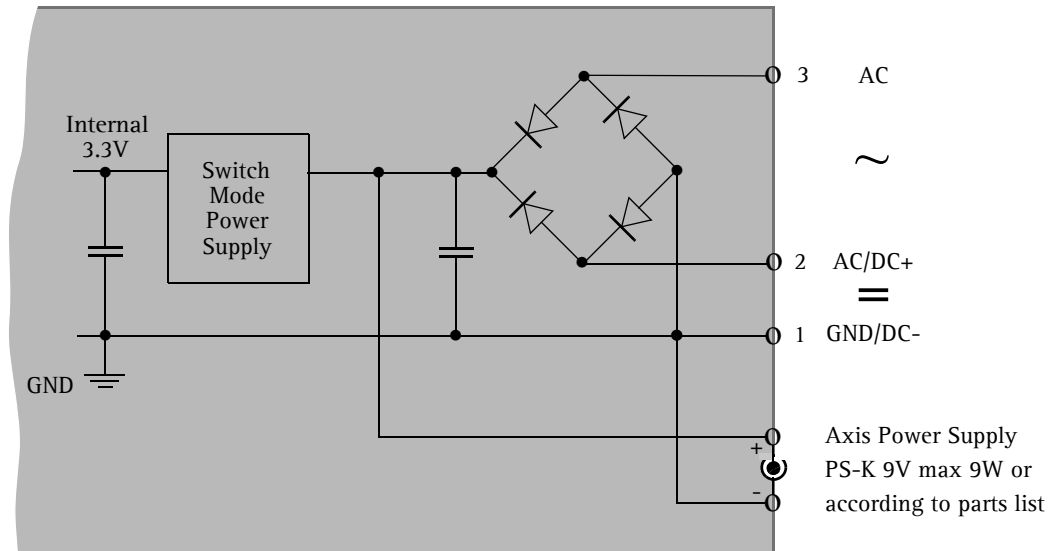
The AC supply is 10-24V. Connect the AC poles to the AC pins.

Power connector block pin assignment table.

Pin	Function
GND	Ground/DC-
AC/DC+	AC and DC+, power input for mains power to unit
AC	AC power input for mains power to unit



Schematic Diagram - Power Terminal Block and Power Connectors

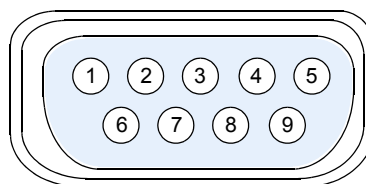


The RS-232 Connector

The AXIS 223M provides one 9-pin D-sub connector, providing the physical interface for an RS-232 port, used for connecting accessory equipment.

A diagram of the RS-232 connector, complete with pin assignment table, is shown below.

Pin	Function
1	CD
2	- RXD
3	- TXD
4	DTR
5	GND
6	DSR
7	RTS
8	CTS
9	RI



Troubleshooting

Checking the Firmware

Firmware is software that determines the functionality of the AXIS 223M. One of your first actions when troubleshooting a problem should be to check the currently installed firmware version. The latest version may contain a correction that fixes your particular problem. The current firmware version in your camera can be seen on the page **Setup > Basic Configuration**.

Upgrading the Firmware

When you upgrade the firmware with a file from the Axis Web site, your Axis camera will receive the latest available functionality. Always read the upgrade instructions and release notes available with each new release, before updating the firmware.

Note: Preconfigured and customized settings will be saved when the firmware is upgraded (providing the features are available in the new firmware) although this is not guaranteed by Axis Communications.

1. Save the firmware file to your computer. The latest version of the firmware is available free of charge from the Axis Web site at www.axis.com/techsup
2. Go to **Setup > System Options > Maintenance** in the camera's Web pages.
3. In the **Upgrade Server** section, browse to the desired firmware file on your computer. Click **Upgrade**.

Upgrade Server

Upgrade the AXIS 223M with the latest firmware.

Specify the firmware to upgrade to: and click

Note: Do not disconnect power to the unit during the upgrade. The unit restarts automatically after the upgrade has completed. (1-10 minutes.)

- Notes:**
- After starting the upgrade process, always wait at least 5-10 minutes before restarting the camera, even if you suspect the upgrade has failed.
 - Your dealer reserves the right to charge for any repair attributable to faulty upgrading by the user.
 - Always read the upgrade instructions available with each new release, before updating the firmware.

Emergency Recovery Procedure

If power to the camera is lost during the upgrade, the process will fail and the unit will become unresponsive. A flashing red Status LED indicates a failed upgrade. To recover the unit, follow the steps below. The serial number is found on the label attached to the bottom of the camera.

1. **Unix/Linux** - From the command line, type the following:
`arp -s <IP address of camera> <Serial number> temp`
`ping -s 408 <IP address of camera>`

Windows - From a command/DOS prompt, type the following:
`arp -s <IP address of camera> <Serial number>`
`ping -l 408 -t <IP address of camera>`

2. If the unit does not reply within a few seconds, restart it and wait for a reply. Press CTRL+C to stop Ping.
3. Open a browser and type in the camera's IP address. In the page that appears, use the **Browse** button to select the upgrade file to use, e.g. axis223m.bin. Then click the **Load** button to restart the upgrade process.
4. After the upgrade has completed (1-10 minutes), the unit will automatically restart and show a steady green on the Power and Status LEDs and flashing green or amber on the Network LED.

5. Reinstall the camera.

If the emergency recovery procedure does not get the camera up and running again, please contact Axis support at www.axis.com/techsup/

Axis Support

If you contact Axis support, please help us to help you solve your problems, by providing the server report, the log file and a brief description of the problem.

Server Report - go to **Setup > System Options > Support Overview**. The server report contains important information about the server and its software, as well as a list of the current parameters.

The **Log file** is available from **Setup > System Options > Logs & Reports**. The Log file records events in the unit since the last system restart and can be a useful diagnostic tool when troubleshooting.

Symptoms, Possible Causes and Remedial Actions

Problems setting the IP address

When using ARP/Ping.	Try the installation again. The IP address must be set within two minutes after running the ARP command. Ensure the Ping length is set to 408.
The camera is located on a different subnet.	If the IP address intended for the camera and the IP address of your computer are located on different subnets, you will not be able to set the IP address. Contact your network administrator to obtain an appropriate IP address.
The IP address is being used by another device.	Disconnect the camera from the network. Run the Ping command. (In a Command/DOS window, type ping and the IP address of the unit). If you receive: Reply from <IP address>: bytes = 32; time = 10 ms..... - this means that the IP address is already in use on your network. You must obtain a new IP address and reinstall the unit. If you see: Request timed out - this means that the IP address is available for use with your camera. In this case, check all cabling and reinstall the unit.
Possible IP address conflict with another device on the same subnet.	The static IP address in the camera is used before the DHCP server sets a dynamic address. This means that if the same default static IP address is also used by another device, there may be problems accessing the camera. To avoid this, set the static IP address to 0.0.0.0.

The camera cannot be accessed from a Web browser

The IP address has been changed by DHCP.	1) Move the camera to an isolated network, or to one with no DHCP or BOOTP server. Set the IP address again, using the AXIS IP Utility (see the Installation Guide) or the ARP/Ping commands. 2) Access the unit and disable DHCP in the TCP/IP settings. Return the unit to the main network. The unit now has a fixed IP address that will not change. 3) As an alternative to 2), if dynamic IP address via DHCP or BOOTP is required, select the required service and then configure IP address change notification from the network settings. Return the unit to the main network. The unit will now have a dynamic IP address, but will notify you if the address changes.
Proxy server.	If using a proxy server, try disabling the proxy setting in your browser.
Other networking problems.	Test the network cable and connectors by connecting it to another network device, then Ping that device from your workstation. See the instructions above.
Cannot log in.	When HTTPS is enabled, ensure that the correct protocol (HTTP or HTTPS) is used when attempting to log in. You may need to manually type in http or https in the browser's address bar.
Incorrect host name.	Check that the host name and DNS server settings are correct. See the basic and advanced TCP/IP settings.

Cannot send notifications, uploads, alarms, etc, to a destination outside the local network

Firewall protection.	The camera can be configured to use a SOCKS server to reach networks on the other side of a firewall/proxy server.
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Your camera is accessible locally, but not externally

Firewall protection.	Check the Internet firewall with your system administrator.
Default routers required.	Check if you need to configure the default router settings.

Poor or intermittent network connection.

Network switch.	If using a network switch, check that the port on that device uses the same setting for the network connection type (speed/duplex) as set in the advanced TCP/IP settings. The Auto-Negotiate setting is recommended.
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Video/Image problems – general

No images in browser (Internet Explorer for Windows only)	To enable the updating of video images in Microsoft Internet Explorer, set your browser to allow ActiveX controls. Also, make sure that AXIS Media Control (AMC) component is installed on your workstation.
Installation of additional ActiveX component restricted or prohibited.	Configure your camera to use a Java applet for updating the video images under Live View Config > Layout > Default Viewer for Internet Explorer. See the online help for more information.
Image too dark or too light.	Check the video image settings. See the online help on Video and Image Settings.
Missing images in uploads.	This can occur when trying to use a larger image buffer than is actually available. Try lowering the frame rate or the upload period.
Slow image update.	Configuring, e.g. pre-buffers, motion detection, high-resolution images, high frame rates, etc, will reduce the performance of the camera.
Poor performance.	Poor performance may be caused by e.g. heavy network traffic, multiple users accessing the unit, low performance clients, use of features such as Motion Detection, Event handling, Image rotation other than 180 degrees.
Image gradually gets darker or lighter.	When using the camera in locations lit by fluorescent lighting, check in the advanced image settings that the Exposure control is set to Flicker-free .
Image loses focus often.	Disable the DC-Iris lens in the settings for Video & Image > Advanced . Focus the camera following the instructions on page 8, and then enable the DC-Iris lens.
Images only shown in black & white.	Check the color level setting. Check the setting for the IR cut filter. Images are shown in color only when this filter is enabled, i.e. when set to yes or auto.
Blurred images.	Refocus the camera. Check in the Video & Image > Advanced – Camera Settings that DC-Iris is set to Enabled. If the images are still blurred adjust the metal ring until the image is sharp, see <i>Removing and attaching the lens</i> , on page 41.
Rolling dark bands or flickering in image.	Try adjusting the Flicker-free exposure setting under advanced image settings. Note that the 'Hold Current'/Manual setting may cause unwanted effects.

Video/image problems – MPEG-4

Lower frame rate than expected.	Check with the administrator that there is enough bandwidth available. Check also the settings for bit rate control, in the Video & Image > Advanced > MPEG-4 settings. Using an inappropriate video object type can also affect the frame rate. See the online help for more information. Check in the AMC control panel applet (MPEG-4 tab) that video processing is not set to Decode only I frames . Lower the image resolution. Reduce the number of applications running on the client computer.
No MPEG-4 displayed in the client.	Check that the correct network interface is selected in the AMC control panel applet (network tab). Check that the relevant MPEG-4 connection methods are enabled in the AMC control panel applet (network tab). In the AMC control applet, select the MPEG-4 tab and click the button Set to default MPEG-4 decoder.
No multicast MPEG-4 displayed in the client.	Check with your network administrator that the multicast addresses used by the AXIS 223M are valid for your network.
Multicast MPEG-4 only accessible by local clients.	Check if your router supports multicasting, or if the router settings between the client and the server need to be configured. The TTL (Time To Live) value may need to be increased.
Poor rendering of MPEG-4 images.	Color depth set incorrectly on clients. Set to 16-bit or 32-bit color. If text overlays are blurred, or if there are other rendering problems, you may need to enable Advanced Video Rendering. This is done on the MPEG-4 tab in the AMC control panel applet. Ensure that your graphics card is using the latest device driver. The latest drivers can usually be downloaded from the manufacturer's web site. If images are degrading, try decreasing the GOV length, see <i>Advanced Settings</i> , on page 16.
Color saturation is different in MPEG-4 and Motion JPEG.	Modify the settings for your graphics adapter. Please see the adapter's documentation for more information.

The test image does not display as expected.

Image settings.	Not all settings have an effect on the test image. For more information, see the help on Image Settings.
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The Power indicator is not constantly lit

Faulty power supply.	Check that you are using an AXIS PS-K power supply.
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The Status and Network indicator LEDs are flashing red rapidly

Hardware failure.	Contact your Axis dealer.
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The Status indicator LED is flashing red and the camera is inaccessible

A firmware upgrade has been interrupted or the firmware has otherwise been damaged.	See the <i>Emergency Recovery Procedure</i> above.
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Poor quality snapshot images

Screen incorrectly configured on your workstation.	In Display Properties, configure your screen to show at least 65000 colors, i.e. at least 16-bit. Using only 16 or 256 colors will produce dithering artifacts in the image.
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Browser freezes

Safari or Mozilla 1.4 (or later) can sometimes freeze on a slow computer.	Lower the image resolution.
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Problems uploading files

Limited space.	There is only limited space available for the upload of your own files. Try deleting one or more existing files, to free up space.
Missing images in uploads.	This can occur when trying to use a larger image buffer than is actually available. Try lowering the frame rate or the upload period.

Overlay is not displayed

Incorrect size or location of overlay.	The overlay may have been positioned incorrectly. Refer to the online help for information on the limitations when using image overlays and privacy masks.
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Motion Detection triggers unexpectedly

Changes in luminance.	Motion detection is based upon changes in luminance in the image. This means that if there are sudden changes in the lighting, motion detection may be mistakenly triggered. Lower the sensitivity setting to avoid problems with luminance.
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For additional assistance, please contact your reseller or see the support pages on the Axis Website at www.axis.com/techsup

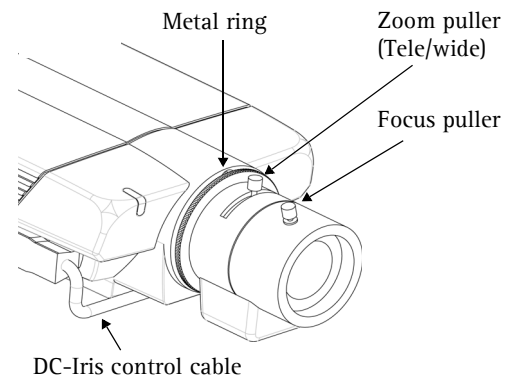
Replacing the lens

If the lens on the AXIS 223M needs to be replaced or if the camera was supplied without a lens, a new lens can be fitted quickly and easily. As the AXIS 223M is designed with a C-mount, the lens supplied with your product can be replaced with any standard C or CS lens.

Note: Although the lens supplied with your product can be directly replaced with any C-type lens, a CS-type lens must be installed with an adapter for it to work with your AXIS 223M. An adapter effectively moves the lens 5mm closer to the camera.

Removing and attaching the lens

1. Disconnect the power supply to the AXIS 223M.
2. Disconnect the DC-Iris cable.
3. Unscrew the lens by turning it anti-clockwise.
4. CS-lens only: Attach the new lens to the supplied CS-adapter.
5. Screw on the new lens until it is tight against the metal ring at the back.
6. Attach the DC-Iris cable to the camera and reconnect the power supply.
7. To focus the new lens, see *Focusing*, on page 8.



Note: In the unlikely case that the camera images are still blurred after focusing the lens, loosen the screw on the underside of the camera that holds the metal ring in place. Turn the metal ring in small increments until a sharp image is obtained. Tighten the screw on the underside of the camera.

Technical Specifications

Item	Specification
Image sensor	1/2.7" Sony Wfine progressive scan RGB CCD
Lens	Computar HG2Z0414FC-MP-12, F1.4 varifocal 4.0 –8.0 mm, DC-iris, C-mount. Horizontal viewing angle: 38°–72°, focus range: 0.5 m to infinity. The camera can be used with C or CS mount lens.
Minimum illumination	Color mode: 1.5 lux, F1.4 Black/white mode: 0.2 lux, F1.4
Video compression	Motion JPEG MPEG-4 Part 2 (ISO/IEC 14496-2), Profiles: ASP and SP
Resolutions	Motion JPEG: 29 resolutions from 1600x1200 to 160x120 via API, 18 selections via configuration web page MPEG-4: 16 resolutions from 640x480 to 160x120 via API, 10 selections via configuration web page
Frame rate	Motion JPEG: Up to 12 fps at 1600x900 (16:9 resolutions), Up to 9 fps at 1600x1200 (4:3 resolutions) MPEG-4: Up to 12 fps at 640x360 (16:9 resolutions), Up to 9 fps at 640x480 (4:3 resolutions)
Video streaming	Simultaneous Motion JPEG and MPEG-4 Controllable frame rate and bandwidth Constant and variable bit rate (MPEG-4)
Image settings	Compression levels: 11 (Motion JPEG)/23 (MPEG-4) Rotation: 90°, 180°, 270° Configurable color level, brightness, sharpness, contrast, white balance, exposure control, exposure area, backlight compensation, fine tuning of behavior at low light Overlay capabilities: time, date, text, privacy mask or image
Shutter time	2 sec to 1/8000 sec.
Audio	Audio compression: Audio in: AAC LC 8/16 kHz sampling frequency, 8–64 kbit/s, G.711 PCM, 8 kHz, 64 kbit/s, G.726 ADPCM, 8 kHz 32 or 24 kbit/s Audio out: G.711 PCM 64 kbit/s, G.726 ADPCM 32 or 24 kbit/s Half duplex, simplex or audio off Audio alarm at a configurable detection level
Security	Multiple user access levels with password protection, IP address filtering, HTTPS encryption, Network control IEEE 802.1x
Users	20 simultaneous users Unlimited number of users using multicast (MPEG-4)
Alarm and event management	Events triggered by multi-window video motion detection, external inputs or according to a schedule Image upload over FTP, email and HTTP, pre- and post alarm buffer of 36 MB (200 images or more, in full 1600x1200 resolution) Notification over TCP, email, HTTP and external output
Connectors	RJ-45 for Ethernet 10BaseT/100BaseTX Mini DC power jack Terminal blocks for 2 alarm inputs, 1 output, RS-485/422 half duplex port and alternative power connection D-sub for RS-232 port 3.5 mm jack for Mic in (max 80 mVpp) or Line mono input (max 6.4 Vpp), 3.5 mm jack for Line mono output (max 1.3 Vpp) to active speaker
Casing	Aluminum casing
Processors, memory, clock	CPU: ETRAX FS 32bit Video processing and compression: ARTPEC-2 RAM: 64 MB, Flash: 8 MB Battery backed-up real-time clock
Power	7–24 V DC, max 6 W 10–24 V AC, max 8 VA Power over Ethernet (IEEE 802.3af) with power classification according to Class 2
Operating conditions	0 – 50 °C (32 – 122 °F) Humidity 20 – 80% RH (non-condensing)
Temperature warning	Warning issued when temperature is below or above limits
Installation, management and maintenance	AXIS Camera Management tool on CD and web-based configuration Configuration of backup and restore Firmware upgrades over HTTP or FTP, firmware available at www.axis.com

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Item	Specification
Video access from Web browser	Camera live view, Video recording to file (ASF), Sequence tour for up to 20 Axis video sources Customizable HTML pages
Minimum web browsing requirements	Pentium III CPU 500 MHz or higher, or equivalent AMD 128 MB RAM AGP graphic card, Direct Draw, 32 MB RAM Windows XP, 2000, Server 2003, DirectX 9.0 or later Internet Explorer 6.0 or later For other operating systems and browsers see www.axis.com/techsup
System integration support	Powerful API for software integration available at www.axis.com , including AXIS VAPIX API, AXIS Media Control SDK, event trigger data in video stream, embedded scripting and access to serial port peripherals over TCP. Quality of Service (QoS) Layer 3, DiffServ Model. Watchdog secures continuous operation, monitored by other systems via event notification. Embedded operating system: Linux 2.6
Supported protocols	IPv4/v6, HTTP, HTTPS, SSL/TLS*, TCP, ICMP, SNMPv1/v2c/v3 (MIB-II), RTSP, RTP, UDP, IGMP, RTCP, SMTP, FTP, DHCP, UPnP, ARP, DNS, DynDNS, SOCKS, NTP etc. More information on protocol usage available at www.axis.com * This product includes software developed by the Open SSL Project for use in the Open SSL Tool kit (www.openssl.org)
Video management software (not included)	AXIS Camera Station - Surveillance application for viewing, recording and archiving up to 25 cameras See www.axis.com/partner/adp_partners.htm for more software applications via partners
Accessories (included)	Installation Guide, CD with User's Manual, demo software, installation and management tools, mounting and connector kits, power supply PS-K 9 V DC, mount ring for alternative CS mount lens, MPEG-4 licenses (1 encoder, 1 decoder), MPEG-4 decoder (Windows)
Accessories (not included)	Housings for installation outdoors or in adverse indoor environments IR illuminators for discreet lighting and improved image quality in low-light situations
Approvals	EN55022 Class B EN55024 EN61000-3-2 EN61000-3-3 EN61000-6-1 EN61000-6-2 FCC Part 15 Subpart B Class B, VCCI Class B C-tick AS/NZS CISPR22:2002 ICES-003 Class B EN60950-1 Power supply: UL, cUL
Metrics	49 x 88 x 200 mm (1.9" x 3.5" x 7.9") 620 g (21.9 oz) excl. power supply

General performance considerations

When setting up your system, it is important to consider how various settings and situations will affect performance. Some factors affect the amount of bandwidth (the bit rate) required, others can affect the frame rate, and some will affect both. If the load on the CPU reaches its maximum, this will also affect the frame rate.

The following factors are among the most important to consider:

- High image resolutions and/or lower compression levels result in larger images. Bandwidth affected.
- Access by large numbers of Motion JPEG and/or unicast MPEG-4 clients. Bandwidth affected.
- Simultaneous viewing of different streams (resolution, compression, etc.) by different clients. Frame rate and bandwidth affected.
- Accessing both Motion JPEG and MPEG-4 video streams simultaneously. Frame rate and bandwidth affected.
- Heavy usage of event settings affects the camera's CPU load. Frame rate affected.
- Enabled motion detection. Frame rate and bandwidth affected.
- Heavy network utilization due to poor infrastructure. Bandwidth affected
- Viewing on poorly performing client PC's lowers perceived performance. Frame rate affected.

Optimizing your system

To see the bandwidth and frame rate currently required by the video stream, the AXIS 223M provides a tool that can be used to display these values directly in the video image.

To do this, special format strings are added as part of a text overlay. Simply add **#r** (average frame rate in fps) and/or **#b** (average bandwidth in kbps) to the overlay.

For detailed instructions, please see the online help for **Video & Image > Overlay Settings**, and the help for **File Naming & Date/Time Formats**.

Overlay Settings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Include overlay image at the coordinates:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Include date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Include time
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Include text: <input type="text" value="#r #b"/>

Frame rates - Motion JPEG and MPEG-4

Typical frame rates in frames/second (fps) for Motion JPEG and MPEG-4 video streams from the AXIS 223M, specified with the parameter settings listed below. Note that these values are guidelines only - actual values may vary.

- Normal 4:3 - 9 fps
- Widescreen 16:9 - 12 fps

Motion JPEG settings:

- Viewing in AMC
- Compression level = 30%

MPEG-4 settings:

- Viewing in AMC
- Compression level = 30%
- Video Object Type = Advanced Simple
- GOV length = 8
- GOV structure = IP*

*Note that setting the GOV structure to use "I-frames only" will increase the frame rate at the expense of the bit rate.

Important!

- The figures displayed here are the values as delivered by the camera. If other restrictions are currently in force, (e.g. bandwidth limitation) these values might not correspond to those actually received by the client.
- For Motion JPEG, these values will only be accurate as long as no frame rate limit has been specified.

Bandwidth

As there are many factors that affect bandwidth, it is very difficult to predict the required amounts. The settings that affect bandwidth are:

- image resolution
- image compression
- frame rate
- MPEG-4 object type
- MPEG-4 GOV structure
- maximum exposure time
- audio

There are also factors in the monitored scene that will affect the bandwidth. These are:

- amount of motion
- image's complexity
- lighting conditions.

For MPEG-4, if there is only limited bandwidth available, and if this is more important than the image quality, using a constant bit rate (CBR) is recommended. Use a variable bit rate (VBR) if the image quality needs to be maintained at a higher level. If supported on the network, consider also using MPEG-4 multicasting, as the bandwidth consumption will be much lower.

Glossary of Terms

802.1x – An IEEE standard for port-based Network Admission Control. It provides authentication to devices attached to a network port (wired or wireless), establishing a point-to-point connection, or, if authentication fails, preventing access on that port. 802.1x is based on EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol).

ActiveX – A standard that enables software components to interact with one another in a networked environment, regardless of the language(s) used to create them. Web browsers may come into contact with ActiveX controls, ActiveX documents, and ActiveX scripts. ActiveX controls are often downloaded and installed automatically as required.

AF (Autofocus) – A system by which the camera lens automatically focuses on a selected part of the subject.

Angle – The field of view, relative to a standard lens in a 35mm still camera, expressed in degrees, e.g. 30°. For practical purposes, this is the area that a lens can cover, where the angle of view is determined by the focal length of the lens. A wide-angle lens has a short focal length and covers a wider angle of view than standard or telephoto lenses, which have longer focal lengths.

ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) – This protocol is used to associate an IP address to a hardware MAC address. A request is broadcast on the local network to discover the MAC address for an IP address.

ARTPEC (Axis Real Time Picture Encoder) – This chip is used for image compression.

ASIC (Application Specific Integrated Circuit) – A circuit designed for a specific application, as opposed to a general purpose circuit, such as a microprocessor.

Aspect ratio – A ratio of width to height in images. A common aspect ratio used for television screens and computer monitors is 4:3. High-definition television (HDTV) uses an aspect ratio of 9:16.

Autoiris (or DC-Iris) – This special type of iris is electrically controlled by the camera, to automatically regulate the amount of light allowed to enter.

AVI (Audio Video Interleave) – A video format that supports simultaneous playback of audio and video.

Bitmap – A bitmap is a data file representing a rectangular grid of pixels. It defines a display space and color for each pixel (or "bit") in the display space. This type of image is known as a "raster graphic." GIF's and JPEG's are examples of image file types that contain bitmaps.

Because a bitmap uses this fixed raster method, it cannot easily be rescaled without losing definition. Conversely, a vector graphic image uses geometrical shapes to represent the image, and can thus be quickly rescaled.

Bit rate – The bit rate (in kbit/s or Mbit/s) is often referred to as speed, but actually defines the number of bits/time unit and not distance/time unit.

Bluetooth – Bluetooth is an open standard for wireless transmission of voice and data between mobile devices (PCs, handheld computers, telephones and printers).

Bonjour – Also known as zero-configuration networking, Bonjour enables devices to automatically discover each other on a network, without having to enter IP addresses or configure DNS servers. Bonjour is a trademark of Apple Computer, Inc..

Broadband – In network engineering terms, this describes transmission methods where two or more signals share the same carrier. In more popular terminology, broadband is taken to mean high-speed data transmission.

CCD (Charged Coupled Device) – This light-sensitive image device used in many digital cameras is a large integrated circuit that contains hundreds of thousands of photo-sites (pixels) that convert light energy into electronic signals. Its size is measured diagonally and can be 1/4", 1/3", 1/2" or 2/3".

CGI (Common Gateway Interface) – A specification for communication between a web server and other (CGI) programs. For example, a HTML page that contains a form might use a CGI program to process the form data once it is submitted.

CIF (Common Intermediate Format) – CIF refers to the analog video resolutions 352x288 pixels (PAL) and 352x240 pixels (NTSC). See also *Resolution*.

Client/Server – Client/server describes the relationship between two computer programs in which one program, the client, makes a service request from another program, the server, which fulfils the request. Typically, multiple client programs share the services of a common server program. A web browser is a client program that requests services (the sending of web pages or files) from a web server.

CMOS (Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor) – A CMOS is a widely used type of semiconductor that uses both negative and positive circuits. Since only one of the circuit types is on at any given time, CMOS chips require less power than chips using just one type of transistor. CMOS image sensors also allow processing circuits to be included on the same chip, an advantage not possible with CCD sensors, which are also much more expensive to produce.

Codec – In communications engineering, a codec is usually a coder/decoder. Codecs are used in integrated circuits or chips that convert e.g. analog video and audio signals into a digital format for transmission. The codec also converts received digital signals back into analog format. A codec uses analog-to-digital conversion and digital-to-analog conversion in the same chip.

Codec can also mean compression/decompression, in which case it is generally taken to mean an algorithm or computer program for reducing the size of large files and programs.

Compression – See *Image Compression*.

Contrast – Defines the degree of difference between the lightest and darkest parts of an image or video stream.

DC-Iris – This special type of iris is electrically controlled by the camera, to automatically regulate the amount of light allowed to enter.

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) – DHCP is a protocol that lets network administrators automate and centrally manage the assignment of Internet Protocol (IP) addresses to network devices in a network.

DHCP uses the concept of a "lease" or amount of time that a given IP address will be valid for a computer. The lease time can vary, depending on how long a user is likely to require the network connection at a particular location.

DHCP also supports static addresses for e.g. computers running web servers, which need a permanent IP address.

DNS (Domain Name System) – DNS is used to locate and translate Internet domain names into IP (Internet Protocol) addresses. A domain name is a meaningful and easy-to-remember name for an Internet address. For example the domain name www.example.com is much easier to remember than 192.0.34.166. The translation tables for domain names are contained in Domain name servers.

Domain Server – Domains can also be used by organizations who wish to centralize the management of their (Windows) computers. Each user within a domain has an account that usually allows them to log in to and use any computer in the domain, although restrictions may also apply. The domain server is the server that authenticates the users on the network.

Duplex – See *Full-duplex*.

Ethernet – Ethernet is the most widely installed local area network technology. An Ethernet LAN typically uses special grades of twisted pair wires. The most commonly installed Ethernet systems are 10BASE-T and 100BASE-T10, which provide transmission speeds up to 10 Mbps and 100 Mbps respectively.

ETRAX (Ethernet Token Ring AXIS) – Axis' own microprocessor.

Factory default settings – These are the settings that originally applied for a device when it was first delivered from the factory. If it should become necessary to reset a device to its factory default settings, this will, for many devices, completely reset any settings that were changed by the user.

Firewall – A firewall works as a barrier between networks, e.g. between a Local Area Network and the Internet. The firewall ensures that only authorized users are allowed to access the one network from the other. A firewall can be software running on a computer, or it can be a standalone hardware device.

Focal length – Measured in millimetres, the focal length of a camera lens determines the width of the horizontal field of view, which in turn is measured in degrees.

FTP (File Transfer Protocol) – An application protocol that uses the TCP/IP protocols. It is used to exchange files between computers/devices on networks.

Frame – A frame is a complete video image. In the 2:1 interlaced scanning format of the RS-170 and CCIR formats, a frame is made up of two separate fields of 262.5 or 312.5 lines interlaced at 60 or 50 Hz to form a complete frame, which appears at 30 or 25 Hz. In video cameras with a progressive scan, each frame is scanned line-by-line and not interlaced; most are also displayed at 30 and 25 Hz.

Frame rate – The frame rate used to describe the frequency at which a video stream is updated is measured in frames per second (fps). A higher frame rate is advantageous when there is movement in the video stream, as it maintains image quality throughout.

Full-duplex – Transmission of data in two directions simultaneously. In an audio system this would describe e.g. a telephone systems. Half-duplex also provides bi-directional communication, but only in one direction at a time, as in a walkie-talkie system. See also *Simplex*.

Gain – Gain is the amplification factor and the extent to which an analog amplifier boosts the strength of a signal. Amplification factors are usually expressed in terms of power. The decibel (dB) is the most common way of quantifying the gain of an amplifier.

Gateway – A gateway is a point in a network that acts as an entry point to another network. In a corporate network for example, a computer server acting as a gateway often also acts as a proxy server and a firewall server. A gateway is often associated with both a router, which knows where to direct a given packet of data that arrives at the gateway, and a switch, which furnishes the actual path in and out of the gateway for a given packet.

GIF (Graphics Interchange Format) – GIF is one of the most common file formats used for images in web pages. There are two versions of the format, 87a and 89a. Version 89a supports animations, i.e. a short sequence of images within a single GIF file. A GIF89a can also be specified for interlaced presentation.

GOV (Group Of VOPs) – A group of VOP's is the basic unit of an MPEG-4 video stream. The GOV contains different types and numbers of VOP's (I-VOP's, P-VOP's, etc) as determined by the GOV length and GOV structure. See also *VOP*.

GOV length – The GOV length determines the number of images (VOP's) in the GOV structure. See also *GOV* and *VOP*.

GOV structure – The GOV structure describes the composition of an MPEG-4 video stream, as regards the type of images (I-VOP's or P-VOP's) included in the stream, and their internal order. See also *GOV* and *VOP*.

Half-duplex – See *Full-duplex*.

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) – HTML is the set of "markup" symbols or codes inserted in a file intended for display in web browser. The markup tells the browser how to display the page's words and images for the user.

HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) – HTTP is the set of rules for exchanging files (text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files) on the web. The HTTP protocol runs on top of the TCP/IP suite of protocols.

Hub – A (network) hub is used to connect multiple devices to the network. The hub transmits all data to all devices connected to it, whereas a switch will only transmit the data to the device it is specifically intended for.

IEEE 802.11 – A family of standards for wireless LANs. The 802.11 standard supports 1 or 2 Mbit/s transmission on the 2.4 GHz band. IEEE 802.11b specifies an 11 Mbit/s data rate on the 2.4 GHz band, while 802.11a allows up to 54 Mbit/s on the 5 GHz band.

Image compression – Image compression minimizes the file size (in bytes) of an image. Two of the most common compressed image formats are JPEG and GIF.

Interlacing – Interlaced video is video captured at 50 pictures (known as fields) per second, of which every 2 consecutive fields (at half height) are then combined into 1 frame. Interlacing was developed many years ago for the analog TV world and is still used widely today. It provides good results when viewing motion in standard TV pictures, although there is always some degree of distortion in the image.

To view interlaced video on e.g. a computer monitor, the video must first be de-interlaced, to produce progressive video, which consists of complete images, one after the other, at 25 frames per second. See also *Progressive scan*.

IP (Internet Protocol) – The Internet Protocol is a method transmitting data over a network. Data to be sent is divided into individual and completely independent "packets." Each computer (or host) on the Internet has at least one address that uniquely identifies it from all others, and each data packet contains both the sender's address and the receiver's address.

The Internet Protocol ensures that the data packets all arrive at the intended address. As IP is a connectionless protocol, which means that there is no established connection between the communication end-points, packets can be sent via different routes and do not need to arrive at the destination in the correct order.

Once the data packets have arrived at the correct destination, another protocol – Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) – puts them in the right order. See also *TCP*.

IP Address – An IP address is simply an address on an IP network used by a computer/device connected to that network. IP addresses allow all the connected computers/devices to find each other and to pass data back and forth.

To avoid conflicts, each IP address on any given network must be unique. An IP address can be assigned as fixed, so that it does not change, or it can be assigned dynamically (and automatically) by DHCP.

An IP address consists of four groups (or quads) of decimal digits separated by periods, e.g. 130.5.5.25. Different parts of the address represent different things. Some part will represent the network number or address, and some other part will represent the local machine address.

See also *IP (Internet Protocol)*.

I-VOP – See *VOP*.

IPv6 (Internet Protocol version 6) – A set of specifications designed as improvements to the current IP Version 4. Network hosts and intermediate nodes with either IPv4 or IPv6 can handle packets for either level of the Internet Protocol.

JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group) – Together with the GIF file format, JPEG is an image file type commonly used on the web. A JPEG image is a bitmap, and usually has the file suffix '.jpg' or '.jpeg.' When creating a JPEG image, it is possible to configure the level of compression to use. As the lowest compression (i.e. the highest quality) results in the largest file, there is a trade-off between image quality and file size.

kbit/s (kilobits per second) – A measure of the bit rate, i.e. the rate at which bits are passing a given point. See also *Bit rate*.

LAN (Local Area Network) – A LAN is a group of computers and associated devices that typically share common resources within a limited geographical area.

Linux – Linux is an open source operating system within the Unix family. Because of its robustness and availability, Linux has won popularity in the open source community and among commercial application developers.

MAC address (Media Access Control address) – A MAC address is a unique identifier associated with a piece of networking equipment, or more specifically, its interface with the network. For example, the network card in a computer has its own MAC address.

Manual iris – This is the opposite to an autoiris, i.e. the camera iris must be adjusted manually to regulate the amount of light allowed to reach the image sensor.

Mbit/s (Megabits per second) – A measure of the bit rate, i.e. the rate at which bits are passing a given point. Commonly used to give the "speed" of a network. A LAN might run at 10 or 100 Mbit/s. See also *Bit rate*.

Monitor – A monitor is very similar to a standard television set, but lacks the electronics to pick up regular television signals.

Motion JPEG – Motion JPEG is a simple compression/decompression technique for networked video. Latency is low and image quality is guaranteed, regardless of movement or complexity of the image. Image quality is controlled by adjusting the compression level, which in turn provides control over the file size, and thereby the bit rate.

High-quality individual images from the Motion JPEG stream are easily extracted. See also JPEG.

Megapixel – See *Pixel*.

MPEG (Moving Picture Experts Group) – The Moving Picture Experts Group develops standards for digital video and audio compression. It operates under the auspices of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The MPEG standards are an evolving series, each designed for a different purpose.

MPEG-2 – MPEG-2 is the designation for a group of audio and video coding standards, and is typically used to encode audio and video for broadcast signals, including digital satellite and Cable TV. MPEG-2, with some modifications, is also the coding format used by standard commercial DVD movies.

MPEG-4 – MPEG-4 is a group of audio and video coding standards and related technology. The primary uses for the MPEG-4 standard are web (streaming media) and CD distribution, conversational (videophone), and broadcast television.

Most of the features included in MPEG-4 are left to individual developers to decide whether to implement them or not. This means that there are probably no complete implementations of the entire MPEG-4 set of standards. To deal with this, the standard includes the concept of "profiles" and "levels", allowing a specific set of capabilities to be defined in a manner appropriate for a subset of applications.

Multicast – Bandwidth-conserving technology that reduces bandwidth usage by simultaneously delivering a single stream of information to multiple network recipients.

Multiplexer – A multiplexer is a high-speed switch that provides full-screen images from up to 16 analog cameras. Multiplexers can playback everything that happened on any one camera with no interference from the other cameras on the system.

Network connectivity – The physical (wired or wireless) and logical (protocol) connection of a computer network or an individual device to a network, such as the Internet or a LAN.

NTSC (National Television System Committee) – NTSC is the television and video standard in the United States. NTSC delivers 525 lines at 60 half-frames/second.

OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) – This is a designation for companies that manufacture equipment which is then marketed and sold to other companies under their own names.

PAL (Phase Alternating Line) – PAL is the dominant television standard in Europe. PAL delivers 625 lines at 50 half-frames/second.

PEM (Privacy Enhanced Mail) – An early standard for securing electronic mail. The PEM-format is often used for representing an HTTPS certificate or certificate request.

Ping – Ping is a basic network program used diagnostically to check the status of a network host or device. Ping can be used to see if a particular network address (IP address or host name) is occupied or not, or if the host at that address is responding normally. Ping can be run from e.g. the Windows Command prompt or the command line in Unix.

Pixel – A pixel is one of the many tiny dots that make up a digital image. The colour and intensity of each pixel represents a tiny area of the complete image.

PoE (Power over Ethernet) – Power over Ethernet provides power to a network device via the same cable as used for the network connection. This is very useful for IP-Surveillance and remote monitoring applications in places where it may be too impractical or expensive to power the device from a power outlet.

PPP (Point-to-Point Protocol) – A protocol that uses a serial interface for communication between two network devices. For example, a PC connected by a phone line to a server.

PPTP (Point-to-Point Tunnelling Protocol) – A protocol (set of communication rules) that allows corporations to extend their own corporate network through private "tunnels" over the public Internet. In this way a corporation can effectively use a WAN (Wide Area Network) as a large single LAN (Local Area Network). This kind of interconnection is known as a virtual private network (VPN).

Pre/post alarm images – The images from immediately before and after an alarm. These images are stored in a buffer for later retrieval.

Progressive scan – Progressive scan, as opposed to interlaced video, scans the entire picture, line by line every sixteenth of a second. In other words, captured images are not split into separate fields as in interlaced scanning.

Computer monitors do not need interlace to show the picture on the screen, but instead show them progressively, on one line at a time in perfect order, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 etc., so there is virtually no "flickering" effect. In a surveillance application, this can be critical when viewing detail within a moving image, such as a person running. A high-quality monitor is required to get the best from progressive scan. See also *Interlacing*.

Protocol – A special set of rules governing how two entities will communicate. Protocols are found at many levels of communication, and there are hardware protocols and software protocols.

Proxy server – In an organisation that uses the Internet, a proxy server acts as an intermediary between a workstation user and the Internet. This provides security, administrative control, and a caching service. Any proxy server associated with a gateway server, or part of a gateway server, effectively separates the organisation's network from the outside network and the local firewall. It is the firewall server that protects the network against outside intrusion.

A proxy server receives requests for Internet services (such as web page requests) from many users. If the proxy server is also a cache server, it looks in its local cache of previously downloaded web pages. If it finds the page, it is returned to the user without forwarding the request to the Internet. If the page is not in the cache, the proxy server, acting as a client on behalf of the user, uses one of its own IP addresses to request the page from another server over the Internet. When the requested page is returned, the proxy server forwards it to the user that originally requested it.

P-VOP – See *VOP*.

Quality of Service (QoS) – QoS provides the means to guarantee a certain level of a specified resource to selected traffic on a network. Quality can be defined as e.g. a maintained level of bandwidth, low latency, no packet losses, etc.

Resolution – Image resolution is a measure of how much detail a digital image can hold: the greater the resolution, the greater the level of detail. Resolution can be specified as the number of pixel-columns (width) by the number of pixel-rows (height), e.g. 320x240.

Alternatively, the total number of pixels (usually in megapixels) in the image can be used. In analog systems it is also common to use other format designations, such as CIF, QCIF, 4CIF, etc.

RTCP (Real-Time Control Protocol) – RTCP provides support for real-time conferencing of groups of any size within an intranet. This support includes source identification and support for gateways like audio and video bridges as well as multicast-to-unicast translators.

RTCP offers quality-of-service feedback from receivers to the multicast group as well as support for the synchronization of different media streams.

RTP (Real-Time Transport Protocol) – RTP is an Internet protocol for the transport of real-time data, e.g. audio and video. It can be used for media-on-demand as well as interactive services such as Internet telephony.

RTSP (Real Time Streaming Protocol) – RTSP is a control protocol, and a starting point for negotiating transports such as RTP, multicast and Unicast, and for negotiating codecs.

RTSP can be considered a "remote control" for controlling the media stream delivered by a media server. RTSP servers typically use RTP as the protocol for the actual transport of audio/video data.

Router – A device that determines the next network point to which a packet should be forwarded on its way to its final destination. A router creates and/or maintains a special routing table that stores information on how best to reach certain destinations. A router is sometimes included as part of a network switch. See also *switch*.

Server – In general, a server is a computer program that provides services to other computer programs in the same or other computers. A computer running a server program is also frequently referred to as a server. In practice, the server may contain any number of server and client programs. A web server is the computer program that supplies the requested HTML pages or files to the client (browser).

Sharpness – This is the control of fine detail within a picture. This feature was originally introduced into color TV sets that used notch filter decoders. This filter took away all high frequency detail in the black and white region of the picture. The sharpness control attempted to put some of that detail back in the picture. Sharpness controls are mostly superfluous in today's high-end TVs. The only logical requirement for it nowadays is on a VHS machine.

Simplex – In simplex operation, a network cable or communications channel can only send information in one direction.

SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) – SMTP is used for sending and receiving e-mail. However, as it is "simple," it is limited in its ability to queue messages at the receiving end, and is usually used with one of two other protocols, POP3 or IMAP. These other protocols allow the user to save messages in a server mailbox and download them periodically from the server.

SMTP authentication is an extension of SMTP, whereby the client is required to log into the mail server before or during the sending of email. It can be used to allow legitimate users to send email while denying the service to unauthorized users, such as spammers.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) – SNMP forms part of the Internet Protocol suite, as defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force. The protocol can support monitoring of network-attached devices for any conditions that warrant administrative attention.

Sockets – Sockets are a method for communication between a client program and a server program over a network. A socket is defined as "the endpoint in a connection." Sockets are created and used with a set of programming requests or "function calls" sometimes called the sockets application programming interface (API).

SSL/TSL (Secure Socket Layer/Transport Layer Security)

These two protocols (SSL is succeeded by TSL) are cryptographic protocols that provide secure communication on a network. SSL is commonly used over HTTP to form HTTPS, as used e.g. on the Internet for electronic financial transactions. SSL uses public key certificates to verify the identity of the server.

Subnet/subnet mask – A subnet is an identifiably separate part of an organization's network. Typically, a subnet may represent all the machines at one geographic location, in one building, or on the same local area network (LAN). Having an organization's network divided into subnets allows it to be connected to the Internet with a single shared network address.

The subnet mask is the part of the IP address that tells a network router how to find the subnet that the data packet should be delivered to. Using a subnet mask saves the router having to handle the entire 32-bit IP address; it simply looks at the bits selected by the mask.

Switch – A switch is a network device that connects network segments together, and which selects a path for sending a unit of data to its next destination. In general, a switch is a simpler and faster mechanism than a router, which requires knowledge about the network and how to determine the route. Some switches include the router function. See also *Router*.

TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) – TCP is used along with the Internet Protocol (IP) to transmit data as packets between computers over the network. While IP takes care of the actual packet delivery, TCP keeps track of the individual packets that the communication (e.g. requested a web page file) is divided into, and, when all packets have arrived at their destination, it reassembles them to re-form the complete file.

TCP is a connection-oriented protocol, which means that a connection is established between the two end-points and is maintained until the data has been successfully exchanged between the communicating applications.

Telnet – Telnet is a simple method with which to access another network device, e.g. a computer. The HTTP protocol and the FTP protocols allow you to request specific files from remote computers, but do not allow you logon as a user of that computer. With Telnet, you log on as a regular user with whatever privileges you may have been granted for specific applications and data residing on that computer.

TVL (TV Lines) – A method of defining resolutions in analog video.

UDP (User Datagram Protocol) – UDP is a communications protocol that offers limited service for exchanging data in a network that uses the Internet Protocol (IP). UDP is an alternative to the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP). The advantage of UDP is that it is not required to deliver all data and may drop network packets when there is e.g. network congestion. This is suitable for live video, as there is no point in re-transmitting old information that will not be displayed anyway.

Unicast – Communication between a single sender and a single receiver over a network. A new connection is established for each new user.

URL (Uniform Resource Locator) – An "address" on the network.

USB – (Universal Serial Bus) A plug-and-play interface between a computer and peripheral devices, e.g. scanners, printers, etc.

Varifocal lens – A varifocal lens provides a wide range of focal lengths, as opposed to a lens with a fixed focal length, which only provides one.

VAPIX – AXIS VAPIX is considered to be the global application programming interface (API) standard, in the rapidly growing field of Network Video based on IP.

VPN (Virtual Private Network) – This creates a secure "tunnel" between the points within the VPN. Only devices with the correct "key" will be able to work within the VPN. The VPN network can be within a company LAN (Local Area Network), but different sites can also be connected over the Internet in a secure way. One common use for VPN is for connecting a remote computer to the corporate network, via e.g. a direct phone line or via the Internet.

VOP (Video Object Plane) – A VOP is an image frame in an MPEG-4 video stream. There are several types of VOP:

– An I-VOP is complete image frame.

– A P-VOP codes the differences between images, as long as it is more efficient to do so. Otherwise it codes the whole image, which may also be a completely new image.

WAN (Wide-Area-Network) – Similar to a LAN, but on a larger geographical scale.

W-LAN (Wireless LAN) – A wireless LAN is a wireless local area network that uses radio waves as its carrier: where the network connections for end-users are wireless. The main network structure usually uses cables.

Web server – A Web server is a program, which allows Web browsers to retrieve files from computers connected to the Internet. The Web server listens for requests from Web browsers and upon receiving a request for a file sends it back to the browser.

The primary function of a Web server is to serve pages to other remote computers; consequently, it needs to be installed on a computer that is permanently connected to the Internet. It also controls access to the server whilst monitoring and logging server access statistics.

WEP (Wireless Equivalent Privacy) – A wireless security protocol, specified in the IEEE 802.11 standard, which is designed to provide a wireless local area network (WLAN) with a level of security and privacy comparable to that usually expected of a wired LAN. Security is at two different levels; 40-bit and 128-bit encryption. The higher the bit number, the more secure the encryption.

WINS (Windows Internet Naming Service) – Part of the Microsoft Windows NT Server, WINS manages the association of workstation names and locations with IP addresses, without the user or administrator having to be involved in each configuration change.

WPA-PSK (Wi-Fi Protected Access – Pre-Shared Key) – This wireless encryption method uses a pre-shared key (PSK) for key management. Keys can usually be entered as manual hex values, as hexadecimal characters, or as a Passphrase. WPA-PSK provides a greater degree of security than WEP.

Zoom lens – A zoom lens can be moved (zoomed) to enlarge the view of an object to show more detail.

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